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U.S. businessman gets 15-year sentence

Budapest, February 21.
Mr. Robert A. Vogeler, American businessman, was sentenced to 15 years in prison today on spy charges by a Hungarian court, which sentenced two of his six co-defendants to death.

Death sentences were meted out to Imre Geiger, manager of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company's Budapest branch, and Zoltan Rado, former department chief in Hungary's Ministry of Heavy Industry. Edgar Sanders, Vogeler's British aide in the IT and T branch, the Standard Electric Works, was sentenced to 13 years in prison.

When the trial ended, with pleas for clemency, the public prosecutor had demanded "severe sentences with punishment corresponding to the crime"—but not death—for Vogeler and Sanders.

In contrast he demanded the death sentence for the two chief Hungarian accused, Imre Geiger and Zoltan Rado.

Observers here think it almost certain that several Western officials named in the spy confessions will be asked to leave Hungary.

Geiger, Rado and the other defendants all are Hungarian nationals. The court sentenced the Reverend Istvan Justh, a Roman Catholic priest, and Klemen Domokos, accountant in the Standard Company, to 10 years. Edina Doery, a barmaid, was given a five-year term.

Vogeler, aged 38, and the other six defendants had confessed to charges of ferreting out Hungarian economic and industrial secrets on instructions of the American intelligence service, of sabotaging the productive capacity of the Standard firm to harm Hungarian economy, and of sabotaging deliveries to the Soviet Union and East European Communist countries.

The United States Minister, Mr. Nathaniel Davis, had been barred from visiting Vogeler and Sanders during their three months in custody.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Isbrandtsen Line official speaks against blockade

The Pacific Far East Line Incorporated regards the running of the Nationalist sea blockade of Communist ports more than just a problem of freedom of the seas.

"I question the authority of the State Department in attempting to stop masters of American merchantmen from calling at Shanghai as long as the American Government does not recognise the blockade," declared Mr. Waldemar Isbrandtsen of the PFEL Manila Office in an interview last evening.

The eldest son of Mr. Hans Isbrandtsen of the Isbrandtsen Line arrived in Hong Kong on Monday night by the ss. Pioneer Dale on a brief visit. He is due to fly to Manila this week-end.

Mr. Isbrandtsen is doing specialised operations work for the PFEL in the Philippines. The 33-year-old visitor declared that both the State Department and the Nationalist Navy exceeded their rights over the issue.

Mr. Isbrandtsen stated that there has been no definite proof to justify Nationalist attacks on foreign ships reported to be trying to sail up the Yangtze into Shanghai. He believed the incidents occurred outside Chinese territorial waters. "That's what I gathered from reports in newspapers," he added.

Exceeded rights

"The United States Government exceeded its rights in trying to prevent ship masters from going to Shanghai. By the very fact of warning them that they would be liable to lose their tickets, the Government has been guilty of contravening the basic principle of freedom of enterprise," he declared.

Mr. Isbrandtsen added that his opinion regarding the matter applies to all ships in general.

He disclosed that the PFEL has no idea of sending its ships to Shanghai. "We are carrying on according to our original schedules. The State Department has cut off Shanghai and we have done likewise," he said.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the continental anticyclone moved China, Japan and the adjacent seas and is spreading westwards across the Pacific.
Thunder, frequent moderate rain, with clouds, with occasional rain or drizzle.
Temperature: 24-26°C.
Wind: Light to moderate, variable.
Rainfall: Nil.
Sea: Calm to light chop.
Sun: Visible for short periods.
Moon: Visible for short periods.
Clouds: Partly cloudy.
Remarks: The weather is generally favourable for shipping.



WALDEMAR ISBRANDTSEN

This is the second time that Mr. Isbrandtsen has been in the Colony. He was here last in 1940. Mr. Isbrandtsen is accompanied by his wife.

During the last war he served aboard merchant ships of the Moore McCormack Line and Trinidad Shipping Corporation. He joined the PFEL in 1948 and went to Manila in the same year.

PI shipping

Mr. Isbrandtsen believes that unless a radical change takes place in the China situation, all nations will be forced to recognise the Peking Regime.

"Shipping in the Philippines is considerably worse off than in other Far East ports, he said. He gave the reasons as import control and restricted dollar movement.

As for Hong Kong: "This is the first time I have been here in 10 years. I don't see any remarkable change at all," he said.

TWO KILLED AS MUSTANG CRASHES

Two United States officers were killed on February 20 when a twin-engine Mustang "all weather" aircraft crashed while landing at the Johnson Air Base, 22 miles west of Tokyo.
The twin-engine Mustang, a P-51, was flying at a low altitude when it crashed into a field near the base. The aircraft was carrying two officers and was on a training mission.

NATIONALIST PLANES BOMB NANKING AGAIN

Power plant knocked
out, report claims

TAIWAN CABINET CRISIS

Taipei, February 21.

Nationalist warplanes yesterday bombed the power plant at Nanking for the second day running, Air Force Headquarters announced today.

As a result, it claimed, the plant was completely knocked out and Nanking deprived of electric light and power. The plant had been damaged but not put completely out of commission in the raid the day before.

U.S. breaks off with Bulgaria

Washington, February 21.

The United States has broken off diplomatic relations with Communist Bulgaria, it was announced officially in Washington today.

The American Minister, Mr. Donald Heath, and other U.S. representatives in Sofia have been ordered home.

The break climaxed the dispute with Bulgaria over the Communist attacks on Heath and demand from the Bulgarian Government for his recall.

The U.S. has directed Bulgaria to withdraw its diplomatic mission in Washington.

It is the sternest diplomatic step the State Department has yet taken against any one of the Cominform partners since the cold war between the East and West.

Tension strained

Tension between the two countries has been strained for months, and reached the breaking point with the Bulgarian Government's demand for the recall of the United States Minister, Mr. Donald Heath, after he had been mentioned in the trial of former Vice-Premier Rostov.

The American State Department subsequently replied in formal note threatening to break off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria if the demand for Heath's recall was not cancelled.

The Bulgarian government ignored the American note, and the American decision breaks a 32-day impasse between the two countries.

The impasse was touched off January 19, when Bulgaria declared Heath persona non grata and demanded his recall.

Not unexpected

The demand was not unexpected in Washington.

Heath's name had been mentioned more than once in the Rostov trial. Prosecution witnesses in that trial implicated the American minister in plotting with the Vice-Premier against the security of the Communist State of Bulgaria.

Heath denied that he had any connection with the alleged plot. The Bulgarian Press published his denial.—Associated Press.

PARTY POLITICS OUT OF DATE

Birmingham, February 20.

The left wing Labourite Professor Lancelot Hogben, resigned as president of Birmingham University Socialist Society last night because, he says, the threat of atomic warfare has made party politics out of date.

Professor Hogben, who is the "Science for the Millions" and many articles supporting Socialism.—United Press.

INGRID'S BABY TO BE BAPTISED SOON

Rome, February 21.
Ingrid Bergman's baby, Renato, will be baptised next Sunday, Monday, in a private Catholic ceremony at the Swedish actress' Rome apartment, an informed source said today.
The baptism will be performed by a priest, and the ceremony will be attended by a few friends and family members.

Meanwhile, a report from Hanoi says that Chinese Communist troops were reported today by the crew of an airliner from Hong Kong to have invaded the Nationalist-held island of Hainan.

The crew said they had seen violent fighting on the island as they flew past on a regular flight from Hong Kong.

Hainan lies off the direct route from Hong Kong to Hanoi. Hainan and Taiwan are the last two major island holdings of the Nationalist forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

As Hainan is separated from China's mainland by a strait only 10 miles wide, it is more vulnerable than Taiwan, which lies 100 miles or more off the coast of Fukien Province.

Not confirmed

Communist invasion of Hainan has been reported before but has been denied. Today's report was not immediately confirmed.

Ninpo, a thriving town 75 miles South of Shanghai, was also bombed, and damage was done to Communist military establishments, the Air Force said.

It further claimed that 30 junks were damaged or sunk in air attacks on Communist craft near Chusan Islands 100 miles South-East of Shanghai.

The Defence Ministry reported further Communist preparations for assault on Nanking, Nationalist island bastion off Swatow.

It said the Communists sent their 12th Division to two small islands facing Nanking. The Reds shelled Nanking from these islands and the Nationalist defenders replied in kind.

Nanking is an important point for supplies smuggled to Nationalist guerrillas in the board provinces of Fukien and Kwangtung.

China's long brewing political crisis, meanwhile, reached an explosive climax today.

The Premier, Yen Hsi-shan's office disclosed he was trying to resign and the Supreme War Cabinet issued an ultimatum to Acting President Li Tsung-jen to return home by Friday or lose his job.

Li went to New York in December for a stomach operation. Yesterday he sent word that he wanted to return to China but that his doctor advised against a long journey. Even if he should start immediately by air, he would have difficulty in meeting the Friday deadline.

The telegram demanding his return said that if he did not, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would be asked to resume the Presidency without further delay.

Generalissimo Chiang "retired" 13 months ago to let Li make an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate peace with the Chinese Communists. Chiang has remained the dominant figure in the government, however, and has continued to direct the war against the Reds almost without interruption.

Nine signatures

Driven off the mainland, the government fled to Taiwan about the time of Li's trip to New York. The schism between the Chiang and Li factions has deepened ever since.

The telegram to Li was signed by nine of the 12 members of the Emergency Council which is the "Cabinet" of the Chinese government, and the former Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, who is in Hong Kong, did not sign.

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merely a stooge, for Chiang. Chiang followers say he is an incompetent daydreamer. Both blame him for government reverses in the civil war.

Actually, Yen reluctantly became Premier last June, when the Nationalist military defeat already was all but accomplished. He was in a poor position to stem the tide.

It still was not certain whether Yen really would quit or would wait in the traditional Chinese style for his critics to "persuade" him to remain.

Another report says that General Li Tsung-jen has told Chiang Kai-shek that he would resign from the United States on one condition.

The condition, the "China Mail" learned from a reliable independent source yesterday, is that the Generalissimo must step down and divorce himself totally from all official posts, directly and indirectly.

General Li added in his personal message to the Generalissimo that if Chiang is prepared to accept the condition, he (General Li) would negotiate for United States aid to fight the Communists.

Refusal

Generalissimo Chiang, the "China Mail" learned last night, has refused to consider General Li's suggestion.

The three-month period permitted for Acting President Li Tsung-jen to be abroad, expired on Monday.

As a result of the Generalissimo's refusal, General Li has publicly announced that he would still require some time in the United States to recover from his recent operation for intestinal ulcers.

General Li left China on November 20 for Hong Kong. He was under medical treatment here until December 5 when he left for the United States for an operation.

Reports from Taipei said that there is a sufficient number of National Assembly delegates in the Taiwan capital to form a quorum for a National Assembly emergency session.

The reason would be able to relieve General Li of the Acting Presidency and re-elect the Generalissimo as President.

The resolution, however, would have to be passed by the Legislative Yuan to be implemented. It is doubtful if this can be done as the majority of the Legislative Yuan members are in Hong Kong. They have refused to go to Taipei.

British ship still being detained

Taipei, February 21.

The British steamer, Caduceus, detained at Takao since February 15, is unlikely to return to Hong Kong for several days pending an investigation of the allegations that she is Communist-owned and has a Communist crew.

The military authorities who are controlling the port of Takao put the Captain and ship under arrest. Later the Chinese second-in-command, 18 members of the crew, and 10 members of the ship's staff were taken under full arrest to the mainland.

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The Queen sees her horse win



The Queen was present at Hurst Park race course, near London, recently to see Monaveen, the horse she owns in partnership with Princess Elizabeth, win the George Williamson Handicap Steeple Chase. Monaveen, ridden by Tony Grantham, won by a length from Mr. R. S. Dymally's "Inverloch". Princess Elizabeth was not present to see the horse win his third successive steeplechase.—(AP Photo).

Britain, U.S. co-operating on relations with Russia

London, February 20.

The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, said tonight that British foreign policy under the Labour Government was to work closely in consultation with the United States on relations with Russia, including any new attempt to stop the atomic arms race.

Replying to Winston Churchill's demand for a Big Three conference on control of atomic energy, Mr. Bevin said: "If you are going to see Russia tomorrow, is it only about the bomb? What about liberty in Eastern Europe? What about the settlement of (all) Europe?"

And as regards atomic energy control, he said that open inspection was the key to it.

"We will show what we have done," said Mr. Bevin. "We will play the game and we ask no more than that Russia act in accordance with us. Let us show each other what we are doing."

For days, Labour leaders have been trying to minimise the importance of Mr. Churchill's proposal. Mr. Bevin's reply tonight was taken as evidence that at least the Conservative leader had compelled Labour's No. 1 foreign policy man to intersect in the closing days of the election campaign a restatement of the Government stand.

On the occasion to deny occasional taunts that he never did anything in the Foreign Office without consulting Mr. Churchill as leader of the opposition.

"When I do anything right, it's Churchill's," said Mr. Bevin. "When I do anything wrong, I'm a bungling idiot. I am not onoured of this individual business." After all, it was tried by Chamberlain and Hitler and it didn't work very well.

(Mr. Neville Chamberlain was proposed. Mr. Bevin's reference was to his attempt to "appease" Hitler in the Munich conference.) —United Press.

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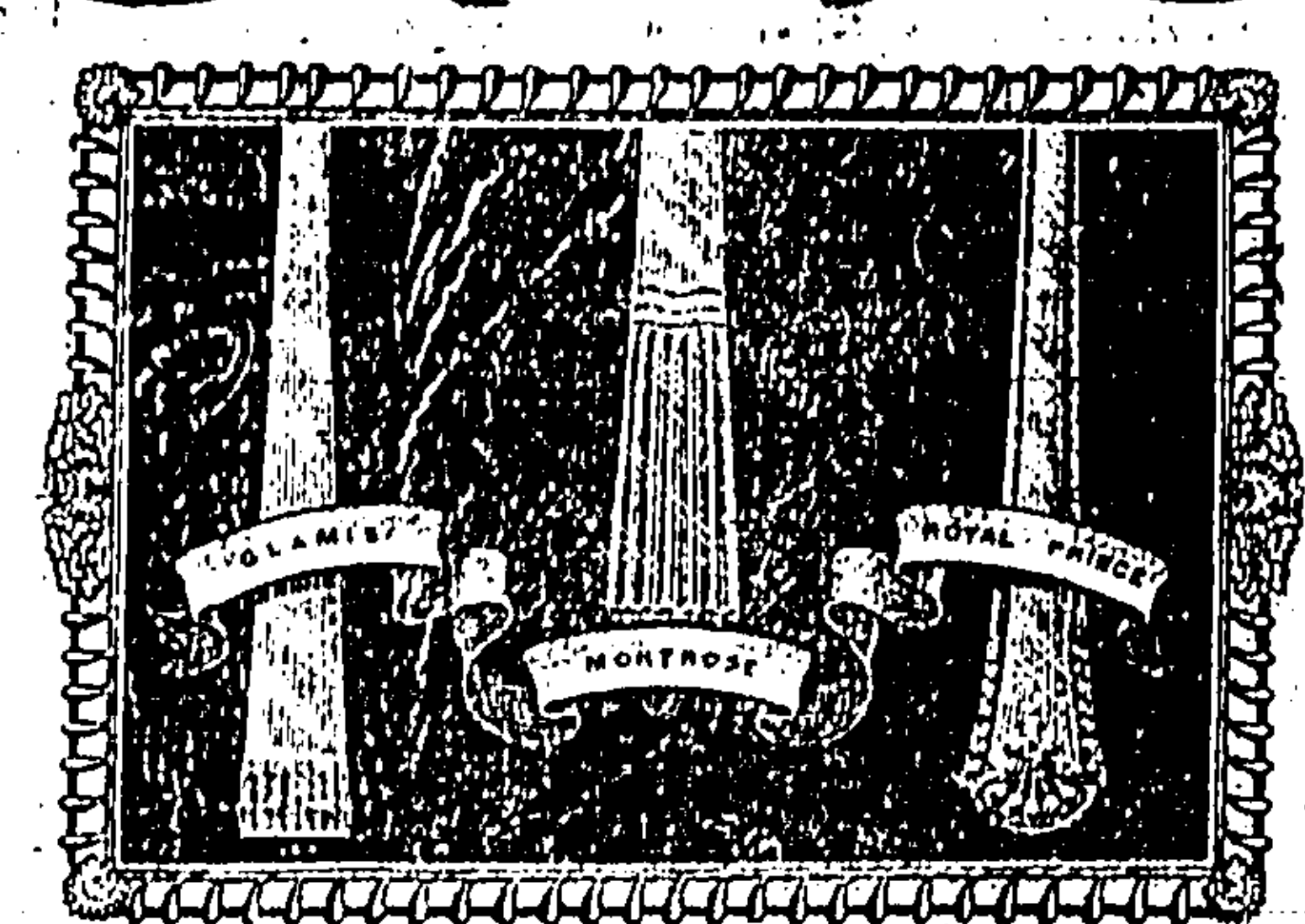


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Evidence on earnings of DFC workers presented

Evidence on the earnings of Dairy Farm workers was heard by the Arbitration Tribunal yesterday.

Mr. J. D. Thomson, General Manager of the Dairy Farm Company, told the Tribunal that the department having the largest staff is the Farm at Pokfulam, and he gave wage figures for the months of March and November 1947 and December 1949.

March 1947 and December 1949 were chosen at the suggestion of the Arbitrator, Professor Robertson.

The November 1947 figures were included because wages in all departments were substantially increased between September and November of that year.

The largest category of workers—the cowboys—were divided into three grades. Grade A comprised those who are more experienced and confined mostly to milking. Grade B are those who milk and wash the cows and assist in feeding them. Grade C are washers and leavers.

In March 1947 the basic wages of these cowboys were: A \$51 to \$73.50 a month, B \$43.50 to \$64.50 a month, C \$30 to \$52.81 a month. In December 1949, in the case of Grade A cowboys, there was an average increase of about \$2 for each person.

However, the average earnings of Grade B cowboys dropped from \$64 to \$61.80, and those of Grade C from \$52.81 to \$52.10, because of an increase in the number of workers employed at lower rates of pay.

In November 1947 there were nine Grade B cowboys receiving \$68.50 and six receiving \$58.50 a month.

In December 1949 the numbers were 14 and 36, respectively, receiving \$70.50 and \$58.50 a month.

In November 1947 there were 13 Grade C cowboys receiving \$56 a month, and 49 receiving \$51 a month.

In December 1949 the figures were 12 and 109, and the pay \$53 and \$51 a month respectively.

In November 1947 51 Grade A cowboys each received \$76 a month, and 17 \$86 a month.

In December 1949 the figures were 47 and 12, and the pay \$78 and \$86 respectively.

Mr. Thomson mentioned these were basic wages.

Soda fountain workers

Turning to the next category of workers, those at the soda fountains, Mr. Thomson said he would first give figures for basic wages, and later on make a statement on tips. Here the majority of the workers are waiters who are divided into three types—junior waiters, ordinary and junior waiters.

The basic pay of No. 1 waiter was \$29 a month in March 1947, \$30 in November 1947, and \$40 in December 1949.

That of an ordinary waiter was \$21, \$31 and \$33.90 respectively. The last figure is an average figure.

For a junior waiter the pay for the months mentioned was \$10, \$21 and \$22.75 respectively, the last mentioned being an average figure.

These rates of pay apply to waiters at both Windsor House and the Gloucester Lounge. The tips at the two places differ.

Turning to cooks, in March 1947 there was only one No. 1 cook at Windsor House, and his pay was \$95 a month. The pay in November 1947 was \$110, and in December 1949, \$124.

In March 1947 there were 11 cooks employed at Windsor House, and the average pay was \$77.72 a month. In November 1947 the number was 10, and the average pay \$80.50. In December 1949 the number was 11, and the average pay \$83.00.

Cooks with more responsibility and experience are in the higher categories.

Wage rates were revised in November 1947.

In March 1947 there were five assistant cooks at Windsor House

drawing \$50 a month. In November 1947 four assistant cooks were paid an average of \$52.50 a month and in December 1949, five were paid an average of \$59.20 a month.

Fitters' wages

Bakers were paid on the same scale as cooks, said Mr. Thomson. In the Engineering Department, in March 1947, 12 fitters received an average of \$70.83 a month. The highest and lowest pay was \$80 and \$70 a month.

In November 1947, 15 fitters were employed at an average of \$109 a month, the highest and lowest pay being \$150 and \$105. In December 1949, 17 fitters received an average of \$105.88 a month, and the highest and lowest pay was \$120 and \$105.

In the Engine Room staff, in March 1947, one man received \$100 a month, and seven \$85 a month each. In November 1947 the pay was \$97.50 for each of eight men, and 13 \$45 each. In December 1949, one man was paid \$150 a month, and nine received \$97.50 a month each.

Fifteen coolies in March 1947 were paid \$30 a month each. In November 1947, two were paid \$55 each, and 13 \$45 each. In December 1949, one received \$57 a month, and 12 received \$45 a month each.

At the Company's Cold Storage Department, in March 1947, five storemen were each paid \$30 a month. In November 1947, four were each paid \$35, and 13 \$45 each. In December 1949, one received \$53.52 each, 15 the highest and lowest pay was \$70 and \$45. In November 1947 45 men received an average of \$53.80 each a month.

The average pay of an engine man at the Cold Storage Dept. in March 1947 was \$60 a month, two men received \$70, a month, two \$65 a month, and three \$55 a month.

In November 1947 five engine men received an average of \$88.50 a month, and in December 1949, six men received an average of \$90 a month.

The highest pay in the Cold Storage Dept. is \$97.50 a month.

Truck drivers

Mr. Thomson then gave pay figures for truck drivers at the Farm, and said the scale paid to chauffeurs was about the same.

In March 1947 five drivers were paid \$100 a month each, one \$70, and one \$65 a month.

In November 1947 four drivers received \$140 a month each, seven \$115 each, one \$105 and one \$93 a month.

In December 1949, six received \$140 each, 12 \$125 each, and five \$115 each. At the present time the highest paid driver is \$140 and the lowest \$115 a month.

In the Butchery Department, butchers in Hong Kong received an average of \$58.00 a month in March 1947. The highest and lowest rates being \$80 and \$32. Ten butchers were employed.

In November 1947 14 butchers were paid an average of \$52.50 a month each. The highest and lowest rates being \$130 and \$50 a month.

In December 1949, 20 butchers were employed at an average wage of \$72.33 a month each. The highest and lowest pay being \$172 and \$45 a month.

In Kowloon 12 butchers were employed in December 1949 at an average of \$73.33 a month each. The highest and lowest pay being \$172 and \$45 a month.

Two men received \$120 a month each, and his counterpart at the Gloucester Lounge \$90.

The Arbitrator asked Mr. Thomson if he could give the figures for the larger categories of workers, as he could say how far their wages were supplemented.

Mr. Thomson replied that a senior waiter should get \$100 a month, and a junior waiter \$70. A senior waiter from \$44 to \$54. A junior waiter from \$34 to \$44.

Further hearing was then adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, but he means necessarily agree with them.

LOANS TO REFUGEES

Sir—It is not surprising to see so much correspondence condemning the Government policy of collecting loans advanced in Macao for the relief of the refugees in Hong Kong and Macao. As Raulo MacLean recently said, "Too often do we talk of our rights, but how seldom do we remember our responsibilities."

Many families now enjoying their wealth and prosperity in the Colony did not prosper in the days of the British Consulate while they were in Macao. The Government has explained clearly that it is ready to receive repayment in instalments and to waive all claims from those who are still in financial difficulties. Where else can we find such a kind creditor who tempers justice with mercy?

Perhaps it is not generally known that Government pensioners, their widows, and their children who lost their breadwinners in the defence of the Colony, have had their Macao loans deducted by the Treasury as soon as their pensions or gratuities are completed. To be fair, if the Government were to write off all Macao loans as bad debts, these pensioners and widows should be reimbursed.

Not all who remained in Hong Kong during the Occupation were collaborators. If they had not been forced to sell their possessions or property to keep themselves alive, and had gone to Macao to be assisted, they might have found that they had made a better bargain.

To repay to the best of one's ability to a Government which has given succour in the hour of need and which has provided protection in times of danger is but just and logical. One should not show ingratitude for past kindnesses by thinking responsibilities.

"RENDER UNTO CAESAR."

average wage of \$43.78 a month each. This is for Hong Kong. In Kowloon the number is 11, and the average pay \$41.9 a month each.

Tin sharing

Mr. Thomson then touched upon the question of tips at the soda fountains. The tips were shared out by the dining room staff in the following ratios:

Senior waiters (seven sharps), capital (six), No. 1 waiter (five), No. 2 waiter (four), No. 3 waiter (three), No. 4 waiter (two), No. 5 waiter (one), and No. 6 waiter (one).

This value of each sharp, based on figures for 1947, varied at different places. It was \$1.20 a day at Windsor House, \$1.30 a day at the Gloucester Lounge, 40 cents a day at the Shell Club, and 30 cents a day at the Broadway Theatre Cafe, and \$2.20 a day at the Kowloon Soda Fountain.

Mr. Thomson estimated that a senior captain at Windsor House should get \$220 a month, and his counterpart at the Gloucester Lounge \$90.

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Armed motor junks spotted

A number of armed motor junks flying the Red flag have been seen during the past week outside the waters of the colony, according to the anti-aircraft department. This evening Post.

The department quoted reports from the anti-aircraft section that the motor junks were seen flying the Red flag and carrying arms. The motor junks were seen flying the Red flag and carrying arms. The motor junks were seen flying the Red flag and carrying arms.

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Inquest into death of former trade commissioner

At the continued hearing yesterday of the inquest into the death of V. G. MacDonald, Assistant United Kingdom Trade Commissioner for Hong Kong, who was drowned in the Harbour on June 27, 1948, W. L. Morrison, Marine Officer of the Marine Department, gave an account of the movements of the tide and currents for that day and the possible reason why the body was never recovered.

The inquest is being held in the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, with Mr. James Wicks sitting as Coroner, while Sub-Inspector S. MacKenzie is conducting the enquiry.

Mr. MacDonald met his death off Green Island while returning from a cruise to Ping Chau Island on board his yacht, the "Folk Vales".

Mrs. MacDonald and a friend, Mr. J. D. Thomson, were on board the yacht when it was attempting to anchor in the harbour.

Mr. Morrison said that on June 27, 1948, high water was registered at 12.55 p.m. and low water at 9.02 p.m. (Hong Kong Summer Time). This meant that there was a strong ebbing tide between those hours between Kowloon and Ping Chau Island.

The currents, he said, raced through Kowloon and Ping Chau, with strong ebbing tide into the inner harbour while others went through the East and West Lamma Channels. They flowed generally in a South Easterly direction.

In his opinion, Mr. Morrison said, Mr. MacDonald's body could have been carried by the current out to sea in a South Easterly direction, or it could have been landed in the backwaters of one of the numerous small uninhabited islands.

Asked by Mr. Wicks whether he would go so far as to say that the chance of recovery of the body was slight, witness said that depended on where it might have landed.

Recalled to the witness stand, Mr. De Jong, in answer to questions put to him by the Coroner, said that he and Mr. MacDonald went in for a swim after they arrived at Ping Chau Island. He swam into the bay while deceased stayed in the shallow water of the beach as he wanted to keep his wife company. His wife was aboard the yacht.

Witness said that he did not know whether Mr. MacDonald could swim or not.

Asked what they had to eat while the yacht was off Ping Chau Island, witness said that they had sandwiches, fruit and a soft drink. He said that Mr. MacDonald might have had a beer but he was definite that no "hard liquor" was consumed.

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Jury hears evidence in Mental Hospital inquest

MURDER CASE STARTING

Committal hearings against Yip Kwai-yau, aged 28, unemployed, charged with robbing while armed with a dagger and also with the murder of Law above the Tiger Balm mansion in Tai Hang Road on Shu-fan in an unnumbered hut October 20 began before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Detective-Inspector Nichol said that accused with several others was alleged to have entered the hut in which deceased, Law Shu-fan, and his wife resided on the morning of October 20. At the time of their entry only the wife was present and they took 15 gold rings, 10 tons of cigarettes and HK\$120 from her. Law happened to return before the robbers left and was stabbed while trying to resist. He subsequently died in the Queen Mary Hospital.

Inspector Nichol continued that accused was arrested on December 28 near the Tram terminus at Yau Ma Tei by Detective Police Constables Yip Kau and Yan Sun.

After further evidence by the prosecution the hearing was adjourned till today.

Trio fined for fighting

Three men, Lau Chin-hon, aged 25, Wan Wing-long, aged 20, and Chan Kam, aged 19, appeared before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday charged with behaving in a disorderly manner in Ewo Street near the East Point Amusement Park on Sunday evening.

Each was fined \$200. Inspector Wheeler said that following a phone call the police found defendants fighting.

At first, defendants pleaded not guilty, Lau saying that he was assaulted by the other two because of a quarrel over skating at the Amusement Park.

Second and third defendants said that they saw first defendant fall and went to help him to get up when the Police arrived and arrested them. All three later changed their plea to guilty.

Chinese ex-colonel gets hard labour

A former Chinese Nationalist Army colonel fleeing from China was given two and a half years' hard labour at the Criminal Sessions yesterday for possessing an automatic pistol, two magazines and 29 rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Fan Kim-ping, alias Fan Kei-ming, who was arrested at the Tung Wah Hospital refugee camp, was told by Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, that in view of the circumstances surrounding the case, the maximum penalty of 10 years would not be imposed.

Fan was found unanimously guilty by a jury of five men and two women. He was not legally represented.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective-Inspector Forrest, conducted the prosecution.

The police on the evening of January 4 this year went to the refugee camp in question and there found the accused sitting on some matting sacks at the entrance.

On searching the matting, the police officers found a brief case inside. Asked if it belonged to him, the accused replied, in the negative. He also said in reply to another question that he did not have the key of the brief case.

On being searched, however, the prisoner's person yielded a bunch of keys. The case was eventually opened, and the pistol and ammunition discovered within.

Accused's story

After corroborative evidence from police officers yesterday, the accused in his own defence denied from the witness stand any knowledge of the contents of the brief case, which he said was handed to him by a refugee friend for safe-keeping.

Disclosing that he was a former colonel who had come from China, Fan told the Court how the friend had accepted him with the case (when he was having a meal. As he wanted his friend, he agreed to keep the case for him, and was later handed the key).

After the jury had returned a verdict within 10 minutes, Fan asked the Court to take into account in passing sentence the fact that he was a refugee, and his intention, he explained, was to go to Taiwan from Hong Kong.

Mr. Williams, in pronouncing the sentence, told the prisoner that he was satisfied with the evidence against him, and that he would not impose the maximum penalty of 10 years for possession of the weapons.

An inquest into the death of Chan Yim, aged 32, merchant, who died at the Mental Hospital, was held at Central yesterday with Mr. A. D. Scholes sitting as Coroner assisted by a jury of three men.

Inspector H. B. Dewar, conducting the inquiry, said that Chan Yim died at the Mental Hospital on December 30, last year.

Deceased's wife made a report to the Western Police Station on December 28 and later deceased was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital. Defendant was eventually transferred to the Mental Hospital.

At the Mental Hospital deceased was seen by the Medical Officer in charge, who prescribed treatment for him.

At 9 p.m. on December 29, the alarm bell rang and it was traced to deceased's room. The ringing of the bell indicated that something was happening.

A dresser and three ward boys went to the room and found it locked. Inside the room there were three other ward boys.

The dresser then went for the key while the three ward boys waited for him. The room was eventually opened and on entering the party found the three ward boys holding deceased to the ground.

In padded cell

Deceased was conscious and his eyes were open. The three ward boys informed the party that deceased had attacked one of them suddenly and become very violent.

In the meantime a report was made to Mr. Porter, an assistant attendant at the Hospital. Deceased was later placed in a padded cell.

At 10 a.m. the following day the dresser found deceased's condition to be very serious.

Dr. Yap, the Medical Officer, was called and gave deceased treatment.

The dresser visited deceased at various hours during the day and at 5 p.m. it was found that deceased had expired.

Deceased's body was sent to the Victoria Public Mortuary where a post mortem was conducted the following day.

Post mortem

A report was made to the Police on January 7 and as a result of inquiry, the police found the three ward boys had absconded on January 2.

On the morning of January 2, the three ward boys had been instructed to report to the Medical Officer in-charge and had failed to do so.

Sentenced to gaol for larceny

Two homeless men, Ho Kuen, aged 17, and Leung Wing, aged 27, charged, respectively, with larceny by trick and aiding and abetting in the larceny, were sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

On an additional charge for returning from banishment, first defendant received another nine months' sentences to run concurrently.

Sub-inspector J. H. Evans said that on February 1/3 at Valley Road first defendant asked complainant Tsang Yee to pawn a piece of gold for him and in return complainant gave him a gold ring, valued at \$50, as security. Complainant went to a goldsmith who reported that the piece of gold was only gold-plated lead.

On February 20 complainant again saw defendant, with second defendant, who, when caught by police, was trying to throw away another piece of "gold".

Tonight's guest speaker at Tai-hat House, 50 Macdonnell Road, will be Prof. J. E. Driver. His subject will be "Some Changes in Chemistry in the last 50 years". All interested are cordially invited. The meeting begins at 8.30 p.m. today.

Reminders

Today

Legislative Council meeting, 2.50 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Film Show, 8 p.m.
HK Art Club, Monthly Exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission free).
Tee II meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Debating and Discussion Group meeting, Open Forum, 8.45 p.m.
British Council sponsored lecture on "Parliamentary Procedure" by Mr. R. Bruce, Council Library, 5.30 p.m.
European YMCA Women's Section, Whist Drive, 10 a.m.
Massed Military Bands Concert, Sookunpoo football ground, 8 p.m.
Photographic Society of Hong Kong, monthly dinner, Cafe Wiseman, 7 p.m. (cine-show, functional photography and colour slides by Mr. R. J. Porter).
European YMCA Debating and Discussion Group meeting, West Lounge, 8.45 p.m.
Garrison Players present "George and Margaret" at Seamen's Mission Theatre, Gloucester Road, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Film Show, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Anti-General Association, annual general meeting, SCM Post board room, 5.30 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
British Council weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
European YMCA Guest Night, and Light Concert.
HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, Monthly Exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Lecture on water colour paintings by Luis Chan, 5.15 p.m.
Massed Military Bands Concert, Sookunpoo football ground, 8 p.m.
Garrison Players present "George and Margaret" at Seamen's Mission Theatre, Gloucester Road, 8.30 p.m.
International Affairs Study Group, talk on "Some Aspects of International Co-operation in the Far East" by Dr. E. S. Kirby, PRO lecture room, 5.30 p.m.
Sino-British Music Group Concert at Diocesan Boys' School, 8.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Shangrila Ball, The Griggs, HK, 8.30 p.m.
Garrison Players present "George and Margaret" at Seamen's Mission Theatre, Gloucester Road, 8.30 p.m.
Organ Recital St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tom-bola, 8 p.m.
HK Union Church, annual general meeting of Congregation, Kennedy Road.
European YMCA Women's Section, Beginner's Dress-making, 10 a.m.
Sino-British Music Group Concert at St. Stephen's Girls College, 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
Garrison Players present "George and Margaret" at Seamen's Mission Theatre, Gloucester Road, 8.30 p.m.

"OPEN FORUM" AT YMCA

The YMCA Debating Society will hold an "Open Forum" of Debates on impromptu subjects tonight at 8.45 o'clock. All interested in debating are invited to attend.

CPAL jet planes speed up flight to Vancouver

When Canadian Pacific Airlines get the first British jet planes they have ordered, the trip from Vancouver to Hong Kong will be accomplished in 20 hours.

The distance is 6,800 statute miles and three one-hour halts will be made—at Anchorage, in Alaska, Shemya (or Semichil) in the Aleutians, and Tokyo.

Canadian Pacific Airlines have ordered 10 de Havilland Comets for their North Pacific route.

The decision to buy Comets was reached after the company had made exhaustive studies of the Comet on the ground and in flight. The announcement follows the return from England of Mr. G.W.G. McConachie, president of CPA. The initial order is for two aircraft for delivery in 1952-53, and arrangements are in negotiation for the delivery of further aircraft at a later date. The first two aircraft have the 48-passenger seating arrangement.

The Comet made its first flight at Hatfield, England, on July 27, and has completed its main handling and performance measurement trials, having flown 143 hours 20 minutes, 14,103 flights up to last night. It is fitted with de Havilland Ghost jet engines.

The Comet represents one of the greatest advances ever made in the history of air transport. It has a cruising speed of nearly 500 miles an hour and normally operates at a height of about 40,000 feet or almost eight miles. In this region the atmosphere is clear and stable and passengers may be sure of a comfortable journey high above the weather.

An altogether new element in air travel is the absence of vibration due to the use of gas turbine engines.

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An interesting feature is that the pressurizing and heating functions, so vital for high flying, are accomplished with unprecedented simplicity, for the jet engines themselves provide both the pressure and the heat, eliminating the need for complicated compressors, combustion heaters, etc. Refrigeration equipment is included for short-period use when approaching and leaving tropical stations.

Major feature

The all-round simplicity of the jet airliner is one of its outstanding characteristics; it not only reduces the hazards of flight, but also shortens the turn-around time at halts and brings fresh opportunities of economy in maintenance. This feature combined with the extremely high performance, permits the aircraft to accomplish a great deal of work in the day and in the year.

It is the high earning capacity of this new form of aircraft, along with its all-round convenience, which will be so appreciated by operators and passengers alike.

The Comet's high speed has not been secured at the sacrifice of slow-flying ability. In fact the wing loading is moderate, less than that of some conventional propeller-driven aircraft; by the present time, and the stalling speed is correspondingly modest so that the aircraft is able to descend through cloud steeply at slow forward speed, and to make its circuit, approach and landing in the ordinary manner. It does not require exceptional

runways but is suitable for operation from ordinary main airports along all the trunk routes. It is not revolutionary in handling technique, or even in appearance.

As the builders themselves comment, it may be considered as a logical step, rather than a daring stride, in the steady de Havilland policy of securing commercial economy by high performance.

Previous orders for the Comet comprised two aircraft for the British Government and 14 for British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Rotary Club talk on prostitution

A review of measures taken in the last half century to combat the evil of prostitution and to suppress the white slave traffic was given by Mrs. W. L. Calcraft, Chairman of the Hong Kong Council of Women, at the Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday.

Mrs. Calcraft touched upon early measures to control prostitution, and the general attitude taken by people towards this world-wide social evil in different countries.

First action on an international level was taken in 1904 at the convention in Paris, when the co-operation of various central authorities was sought to control and suppress the white slave traffic.

This was followed by a further convention six years later, when various nations pledged themselves to punish people engaged in procuring women and girls for an immoral purpose.

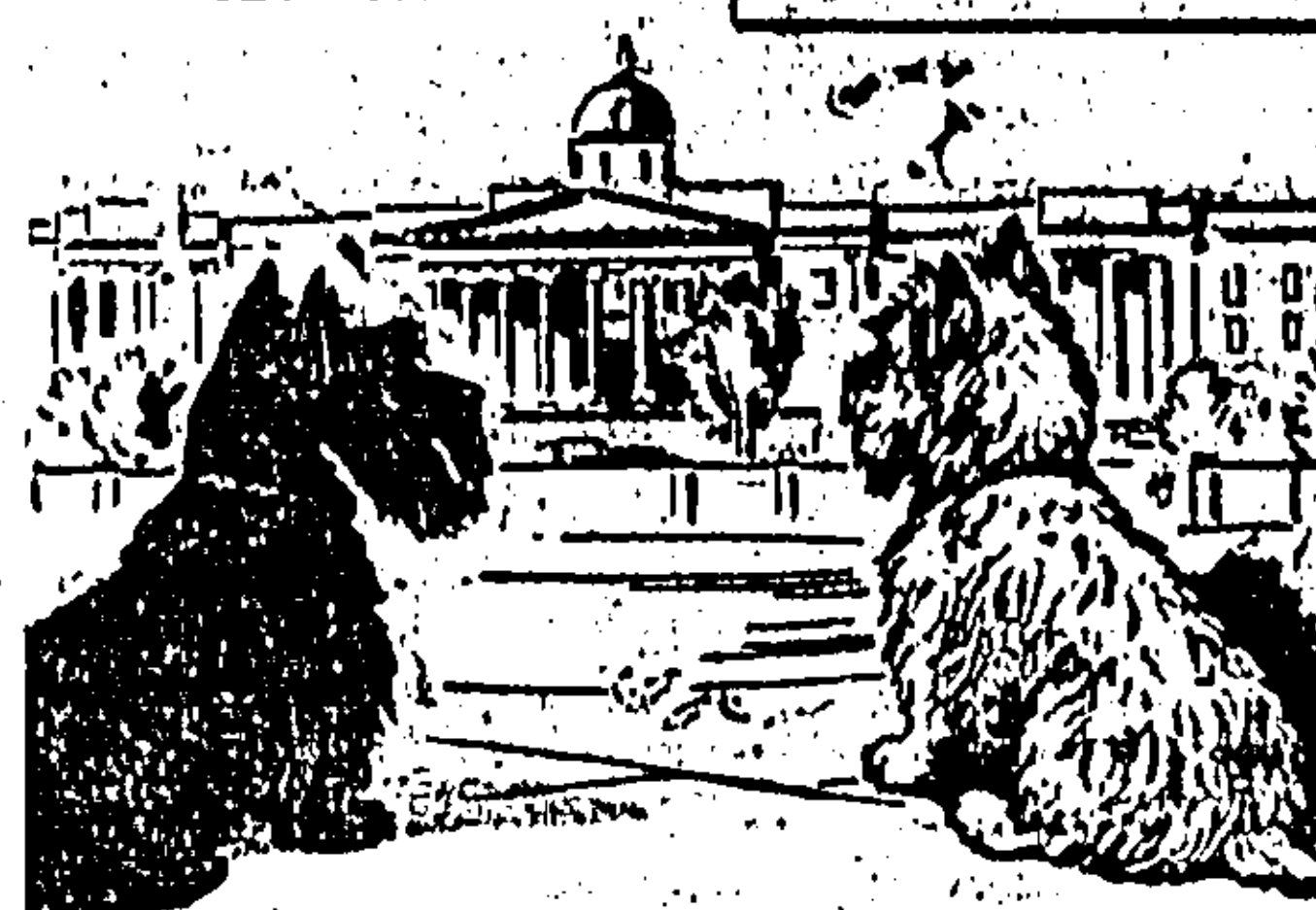
An impetus was given to the efforts of social workers after the world war, when the League of Nations took a hand in tackling the problem on an international level. This continued, right through to the end of world war two, when the United Nations took up where the League of Nations had left off.

Mrs. Calcraft reviewed various aspects of the problem, and discussed the various expressions of opinion on the feasibility or otherwise of suppression or governmental regulation of prostitution through licensed houses.

The speaker was thanked by Mr. K. F. Noble, the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong.

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association will be held tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post.

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ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 10th day of March, 1950, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended December 31, 1949, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 23rd of February to Friday, the 10th of March, 1950 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

January 24, 1950.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Australian Subscription Ponies 1951

The Stewards have ordered a batch of 100 Australian Subscription Ponies to race in 1951 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

An application form has been posted to every Member. In the event of non-delivery further forms may be obtained at the Club's Office, 1st Floor, Telephone House.

The Subscription List will close with SATURDAY, 11th MARCH, 1950.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 15, 1950.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held in the HONG KONG HOTEL ROOF GARDEN on THURSDAY, 2nd March, 1950, at 5.30 p.m.

All Members are particularly urged to attend.

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PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Sidney Herbert Rhinisch of 25, Church Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, England, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 13th day of March, 1950.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 14th day of February, 1950.

JOHNSON, STOKES
& MASTER.

Solicitors for the Administrators of the estate of the abovenamed deceased.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building,
Hong Kong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Kathleen Gordon Grant otherwise known as Mrs. Kathleen Grant late of Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong Woman, Mental Attendant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 28th day of February, 1950.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 2nd day of February, 1950.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 17th March, 1950, at 12.30 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate (for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following as a Special Resolution, viz:—

"That the Authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$1,000,000.00 consisting of 100,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each, of which 80,000 Shares have been issued) be increased to \$20,000,000.00 by the creation of 1,900,000 additional Shares of the nominal value of 10.00 each; and that such Shares be issued at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G.B.S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 21, 1950.

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Any persons witnessing the accident, or who can give information regarding the accident are asked to communicate with Traffic Office, Kowloon, Telephone numbers 50735 and 58029 or with any other Police Stations.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

February 15, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

On Saturday, 18th February, 1950, at 8.00 p.m. at Nathan Road (outside Alhambra Theatre) near New Market Street, an accident occurred between a motor cycle and a military vehicle.

Any persons witnessing the accident, or who can give information regarding the accident are asked to communicate with Traffic Office, Kowloon, Telephone numbers 50735 and 58029 or with any other Police Stations.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

February 20, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

On Saturday, 11th February 1950, at 9.00 a.m. at Tai Po Road near six (6) mile stone, a Chinese male named LEE KAY, 44 years, was knocked down by a lorry No. 8301, and received fatal injuries.

Any persons witnessing the accident, or who can give information regarding the accident are asked to communicate with Traffic Office, Kowloon, Telephone numbers 50735 and 58029 or with any other Police Stations.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

February 15, 1950.

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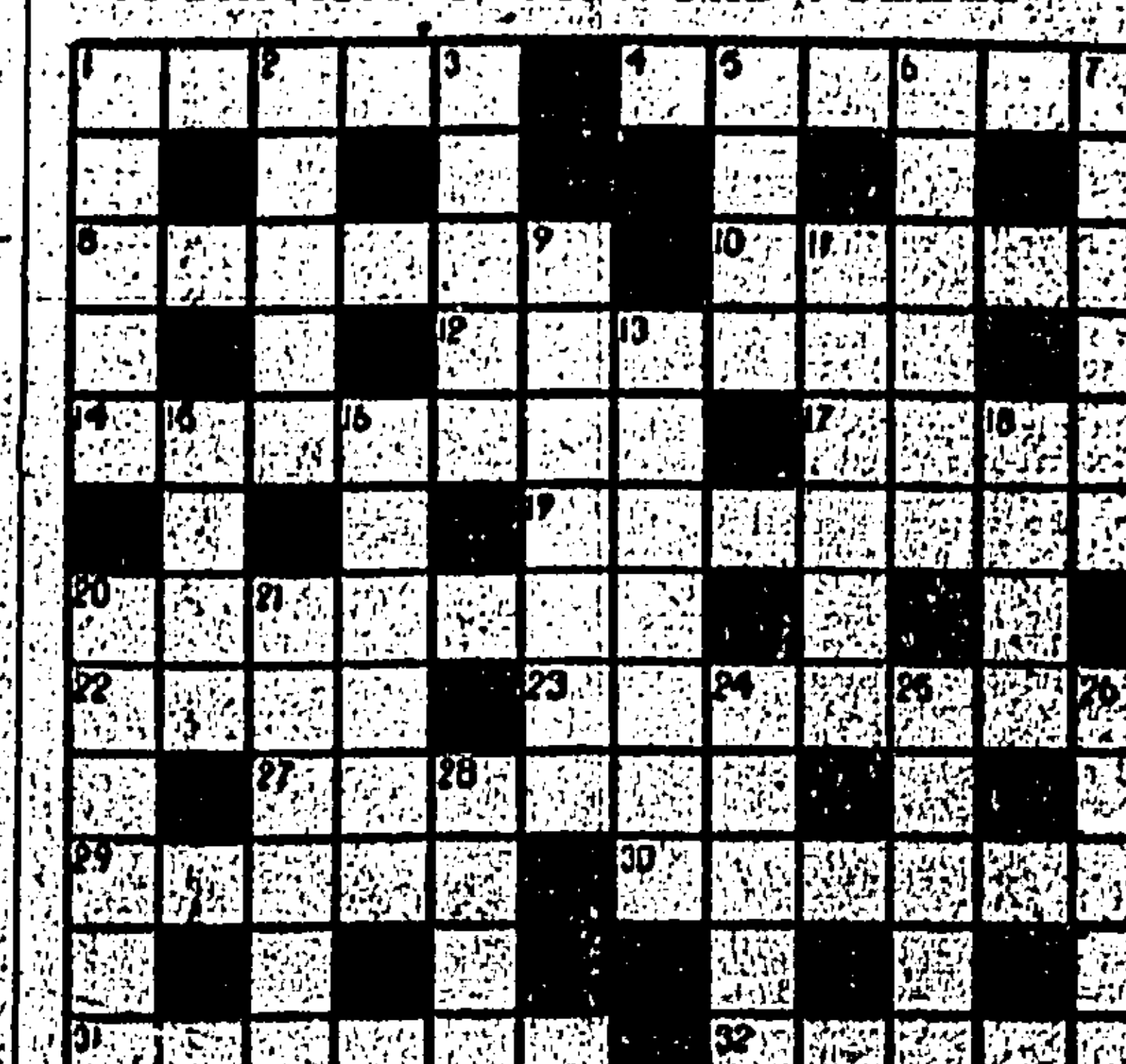
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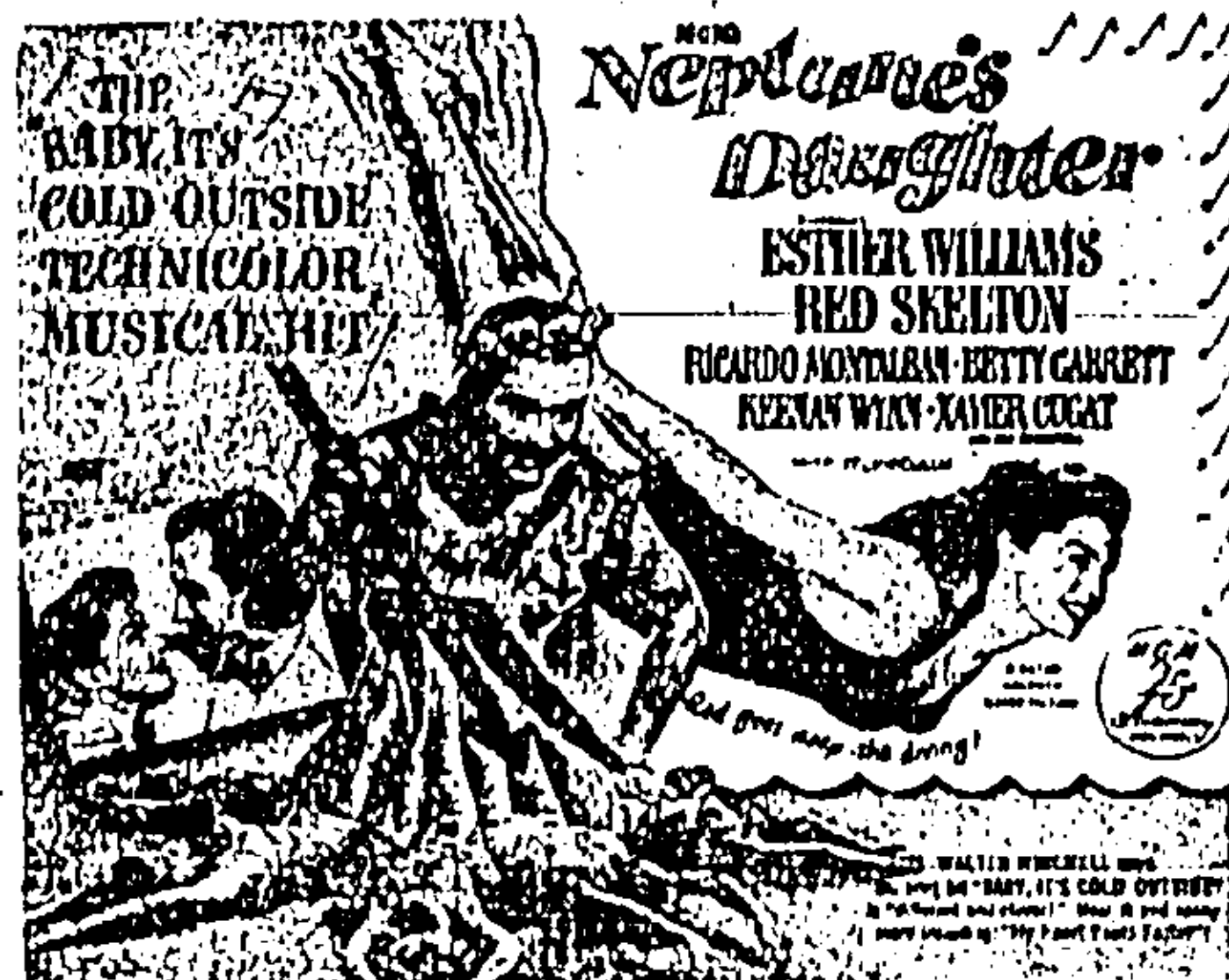


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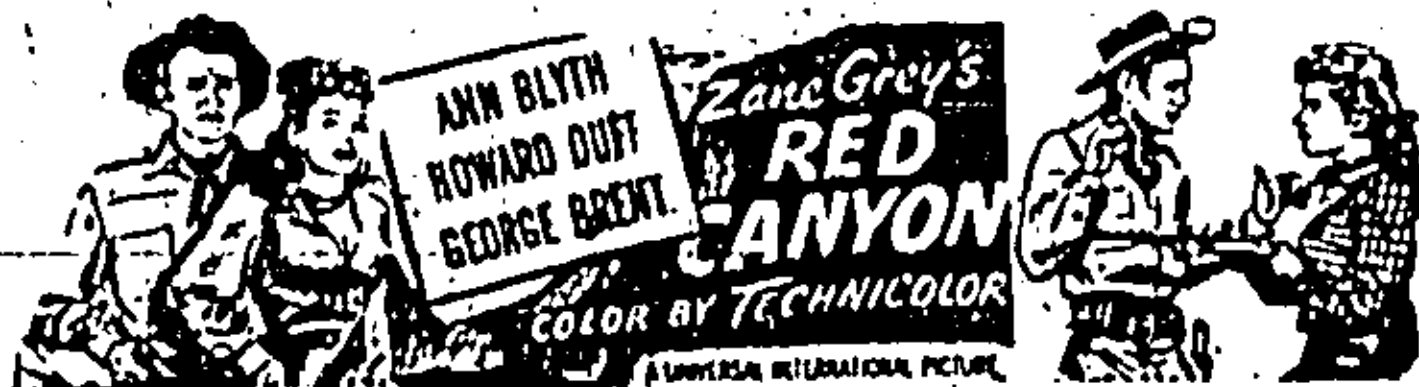


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HOLY CITY IMPASSE BLAMED ON THE UN

Geneva, February 20.

WARNING TO UN ON CHINA

New York, February 20.
"The Times" in an editorial today warned the United Nations not to drop the Chinese resolution submitted to the Little Assembly dealing with Communist China and the Soviet Union.

The newspaper said that while it was doubtful that the recommendation not to recognize Communist China could be adopted because many nations have already recognised Peking, the remainder of the Chinese resolution rests on solid ground.

The editorial said: "It is difficult to see how the United States, for example, can reject the logic of the charge of Soviet aggression in Manchuria when our own Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, made that same charge explicitly, and his Department issued a memorandum of detail to support him."

"Likewise the United States could be expected to be sympathetic to the accusation of treaty violation by the Soviet Union when both the President and Secretary of State made strong declarations to the effect that the Soviet attitude toward compacts does not admit of agreement for its own sake but only for the sake of advantage."—United Press.

U.S. carrier in Subic Bay

Manila, February 21.
The U.S. aircraft carrier Boxer, accompanied by the destroyers Emerson and John W. Thomason, arrived in Subic Bay on the Western side of Bataan Peninsula on her first trip to Philippines waters since joining the Seventh Task Fleet under Vice-Admiral Russell Berkey.

The 27,000-ton Boxer carries 90 planes and a complement of 2,200. Rear Admiral W. F. Boone flies his flag as Commander of Carrier Division Five on the Boxer.

With other units of the Seventh Fleet, the Boxer will participate in joint manoeuvres with the British Far East Fleet, due in the first 10 days of March.—Associated Press.

Mr. A. S. Eban, representative of Israel, today blamed the failure of the United Nations to carry out their responsibilities towards Jerusalem as being one of the main causes for the present situation in the Holy City.

Mr. Eban was addressing the Trusteeship Council, which today resumed discussions on the statute for Jerusalem.

The representatives of both Jordan and Israel are now at tending these discussions.

The Israeli representative stated that the drafting and implementation of a statute for Jerusalem was quite beyond the competence of the Trusteeship Council.

"It is utterly beyond human resource to find a single word in the Charter enabling the General Assembly by its own resolution to delegate the Trusteeship Council to administer the Jerusalem area," he said.

Mr. Eban continued, "Our vision is of a Jerusalem wherein a free people develops its religious institutions while a United Nations representative, in all tranquillity and dignity, fulfils the universal responsibility for the safety and accessibility of the Holy Places."

"We are prepared to explore with the Council and with other parties concerned, any avenue which may lead to the effective fulfilment by the United Nations of its responsibility for the Holy Places."

"In this connection, I re-affirm my Government's readiness, apart from arrangements for the Holy Places, to make binding declarations and agreements with the United Nations assuring religious freedom and full liberty of religious education and the protection of religious institutions."

Not vacuum

Mr. Eban went on, "May I express the hope that if the Government in whose territory the majority of the Holy Places are situated also accepts the principle of direct United Nations responsibility for their protection, a process of consultation between the parties and the Trusteeship Council may lead to a satisfactory formula being found."

Mr. Eban declared that the imposition of the United Nations authority on Jerusalem would mean the disestablishment of all existing institutions set up by the Jewish authorities.

He said, "This territory is not a vacuum. It happens that this territory already contains institutions of government, security, administration and law—institutions deeply rooted, effectively administered and most passionately cherished."

"The adoption of the draft statute would commit the Council to the unprecedented process

of destroying free and peaceful institutions as a prelude to the imposition, against popular will, of other institutions which could not even be established two years ago.

The adoption and attempted implementation of the statute would undermine the foundations of public order in Jerusalem and would specifically impair the authority of the Israel-Jordan general armistice agreement by which the Security of the city is organised at this time."

Arab views

Mr. Edmond Roc, representing Jordan, made a statement of 20 words—compared to Mr. Eban's 8,000.

Mr. Roc stated, "The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan reiterates its point of view and I could not discuss any project for the internationalisation of Jerusalem."

He said that sanctions should be applied on two main arteries into Tel-Aviv—dollars from New York and Sterling from London.

"If economic sanctions can be applied from these directions, I am confident that Mr. Eban will bow down and co-operate in the implementation of the Statute," Mr. Shukairy said.

He described Mr. Eban's speech as a new rebellion by Israel against the United Nations.—Reuter.

Film actress to be wed

Hollywood, February 20.
Elizabeth Taylor, 18, British-born screen star, will marry the hotel heir, Conrad Hilton, on May 8 in a big church wedding, her mother announced today.

The actress broke her engagement to William Pawley, Jr., several months ago. She was previously reported engaged to the Army football star, Glenn Davis. Her name was also linked romantically with Howard Hughes, but her mother said there was nothing to that.

Mrs. Francis Taylor said that Conrad, who is 23 and in the hotel business with his father, and Elizabeth have been going steady since about Christmas. They liked each other right from the word "go".—United Press.

Japanese hid five years

Guam, February 20.
A Japanese who hid for five years in a two-storey building on Tinian Island was found last Thursday by a U.S. Navy patrol.

The man, Murato Susumu Hachijo, aged 35, said he had neither seen nor spoken to anyone in the five years he was in hiding.

He told Naval officers he was a Japanese labourer on the bitterly-contested Pacific Island. Territorial authorities said he may have been a Japanese officer and questioned him further.—Associated Press.

TRACTOR BEING FLOWN BY AIR

London, February 20.

A two and a half ton tractor is being flown from London on Thursday to New Delhi for agricultural demonstrations there. This Diesel agricultural tractor is being sent by the David Brown Tractors, Limited, Meltham, Yorkshire.

It will leave London in a Dakota for Paris, where it will most probably be flown in a Sky-master to New Delhi.—Reuter.

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MINERS CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

Washington, February 20. Federal Judge Richmond Keach today cited the United Mine workers for contempt of court on the grounds that the 370,000 striking coal miners wilfully and wrongfully ignored his back-to-work order.

Judge Keach gave the union until next Friday to get its members back into the pits. If it fails to do so, he has fixed a trial on the contempt citation for next Monday.

The court cited the UMW as being in contempt of court for failing to obey the order issued by Mr. Keach nine days ago, after President Truman invoked the Taft-Hartley law in the coal deadlock.

A few hours before signing the contempt order, Mr. Keach had extended the temporary anti-strike order until March 3.

The Government, late today brought contempt charges against the mine workers for their refusal to dig coal under the federal court order and, Mr. Keach signed the order directing them to show cause why they should not be found in contempt.

John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers President, who has twice directed his members to comply with the court order and return to the pits, was not mentioned in Mr. Keach's order, which was directed against the Union as a whole and not against any individual.

If Mr. Keach finds the United Mine Workers guilty of contempt after the hearing, he can levy heavy fines against the union. The union and Mr. Lewis paid a total of US\$2,130,000 for similar contempt actions in 1947 and 1948.

Wide gap

Mr. Lewis and his UMW bargaining team continued negotiations with the coal mine operators this afternoon and fixed another session for tomorrow, but there was no sign that they were nearing agreement.

The Federal Mediation Director, Cyrus Ching, said he would report no signs of progress to the White House. Mr. Ching, who attended today's talks, said the gap between the operators and UMW appeared so wide that a "bridge" is needed to cross it.

Rationing of soft coal was ordered throughout Massachusetts today as a result of the crippling nation-wide coal strike.

The order will not affect the hard coal type used for most home heating purposes. An official said of the coal situation: "We have about a three-week supply before we hit absolute rock bottom."—United Press.

Big drug haul made in Japan

Kobe, February 21.

United States Army agents seized narcotics valued at more than US\$1,000,000 in five raids here last week, SCAP Headquarters announced.

The raids, carried out between February 9 and February 15, led to the arrest of five Koreans, a Chinese and three Japanese engaged in the drug traffic.

W. L. Spear, Narcotic Control Officer in SCAP's Public Health and Welfare Section, said the seized drugs had been smuggled into Japan from the Asiatic mainland. More specific identification of the source would hamper the investigation now being conducted, he added.

The raids were conducted in co-operation with Japanese police and narcotic agents. The narcotics included 1484 grammes of heroin, 750 grammes of raw opium and 250 grammes of morphine.—Associated Press.

Norwegian Reds meeting

Oslo, February 20.

About 200 delegates were present when Norway's Communist Party Congress opened in Oslo today under the Chairmanship of the Party leader, Emil Lovvlien.

The delegates' credentials were closely examined as they entered the hall.

It would appear that Emil Lovvlien has gained the upper hand in the internal struggle for power which recently split the Party in two. The Congress, which started today, is intended to confirm Lovvlien's victory over the "Secret Centre" and its leader, Peder Furuseth.

No prominent members of the Second Centre were present when the Congress opened.—Reuter.



'COME INSIDE'

Ex-minister assassinated

Mexico City, February 20.

A man identified as Jose Gallostra, former Spanish Minister to Bolivia, was shot to death today on Mexico City's main street. He was hit by two bullets as he stood in the doorway of a building.

Special police arrested Gabriel Frits Rouco, 38-year-old Cuban of Spanish descent, on suspicion of murder. The reason for the killing was not immediately known.

(The Spanish Embassy in Washington said Gallostra was still a member of the Spanish diplomatic service at the time of his death. It said he had been sent to Mexico City as an observer).—United Press.

Italians land at Mogadishu

Mogadishu, February 20.

One thousand Italian troops—an advance guard of the forces which are to take over the pre-war Italian colony of Somaliland from the British Administration—disembarked here today without incident from the Italian troopship Auriga.

They marched to their barracks through streets lined with curious onlookers. British police and troops with armoured cars, posted at all strategic points, maintained order.

The Italians showed perfect

TAIWAN MISSION BACKED

New York, February 20.

"The Times" today called reasonable, Nationalist China's recommendation to the United Nations that a naval and air observation group be sent to see what takes place in the event of a Communist attack on Taiwan.

In its leading editorial, "The Times" said that Dr. T. T. Tsiang, chief Nationalist United Nations delegate, bases his case on the possibility that the Soviet Union will give military aid to the Chinese Communists for the express purpose of conquering Taiwan, and he suggests that without such aid the Communists might find this task too formidable.

The newspaper took the position that the United Nations has sent such observer groups elsewhere, notably to the Balkans and to Indonesia.

"Those who have nothing to conceal should welcome observation," it said, adding: "And if the situation in Indonesia was held to be a threat to international peace, how much more so the situation in China?"—Associated Press.

discipline and gave no outward sign of any kind. They are for the moment being confined to barracks on the outskirts of the town. General Arturo Ferraz is in overall command of the Italian forces in Somaliland. Italy is to hold her former colony for 10 years under a United Nations trusteeship.—Reuter.

U.S. SENATE'S WELCOME TO JAPANESE MP'S

Washington, February 20.

The United States Vice-President, Mr. A. Barkley, told a Japanese Diet delegation today the United States welcomes them as friends, not as former enemies.

He added, at a luncheon honouring the group in the office of the Senate Secretary Leslie Biffle, that it was very unusual and unprecedented for the Senate to invite them to come onto the floor of the Chamber during a session.

He said: "This was even more remarkable in view of the fact that a peace treaty has not yet been negotiated."

He explained it was a gesture intended to show friendship and a sincere desire to help the Japanese in building Democracy in Japan.

In welcoming the Japanese today, Senators gave the Boston City Council a verbal spanking for its recent refusal to permit 14 representatives of the Japanese Diet to visit a Council session.

The Senate made amends by giving the delegation the unusual privilege of coming onto the Senate floor.

Senator Charles Tobey, New Hampshire Republican, told his colleagues that the Boston Council's action was un-Christian and un-American.

Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts Republican, said that the Council's action was not indicative of the general feeling throughout the state of Massachusetts.

Senator Olin Johnston, South Carolina Democrat, promised the visitors a good old-fashioned Southern hospitality during a visit to his State, which he said General Douglas MacArthur had urged them to make.

Senators applaud

Tributes were paid the group also by Senators William Knowland, California Republican, H. Alexander Smith, New Jersey Republican, Dennis Chavez, New Mexico Democrat, William Langer, North Dakota Republican, and Mr. Lehman, New York Democrat.

Applause broke out in the usually staid Senate Chamber as the Japanese visitors entered, walked before Vice-President Barkley's desk, and up an aisle to seats in the rear of the room.

They sat there while Senators carried on the routine business of introducing bills and placing various matters in the official record. Then there was a 20-minute adjournment while individual Senators greeted the Japanese group.

Senator Joseph McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, Marine Corps officer in the Pacific during the war, was one of those offering a welcome.

The Democratic majority leader, Scott L. Lucas of Illinois, promised the visitors the fullest possible co-operation in their study of Congressional methods and general Democratic procedures.

"Human beings"

Before the adjournment, Mr. Tobey said the Boston snub of the Japanese Diet members gave him a feeling of repugnance and shame. He declared the fact that the recent enemies can now visit this country and mingle with American citizens as human

beings under God is a true display of American Democracy.

Applause came from the public galleries after Mr. Tobey spoke.

Mr. Saltonstall also told the Japanese he hoped the Senate reception would dispel any impression of ill-will they gained in Boston.

Earlier the delegation attended a session of the House Armed Services Committee on world rubber supplies. The visitors heard some members of the Committee emphasize a need for restoring full production in Pacific rubber lands.

After the Committee meeting, some members of the Japanese Diet expressed surprise at the physical make-up of the hearing room, where Committee members sit on a raised platform similar to a court bench while witnesses, regardless of rank, sit at a table on a lower level.

The Japanese were particularly surprised when the Secretary of Commerce, Charles Sawyer, a member of President Harry Truman's Cabinet, gave testimony from a level below that on which the Committee sat.—Associated Press.

BOASTING LED TO ARREST

Bangkok, February 20.

The office of Pan American World Airways and the police broke a ring of thieves charged with pilfering articles from PAA planes passing through Donmuang airport.

Braggings by suspected members of the ring working for Pan American at the airport led to the arrest of the chief of the loading crew, and four others.

Part of a shipment of US\$300 worth of fountain-pens was recovered when the ring was smashed.—Associated Press.

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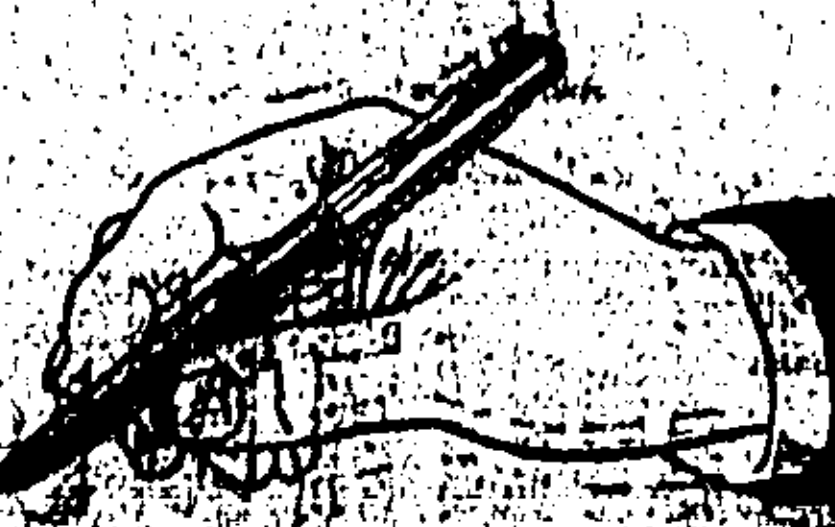
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BRITISH POSITION ON HONG KONG SHOWS NO CHANGE

Peking Radio blueprint for 'colonial struggle'

London, February 20.

The Foreign Office said today that there is no change in Britain's policy to hold Hong Kong. The Colonial Office said colonial policy is one platform on which there are no political party differences. It has been observed, however, that Labour Government spokesmen, while voicing determination to defend Hong Kong militarily, have indicated willingness to talk with the Chinese Communists about the future of the Colony.

JAPAN'S OFFICES ABROAD

Tokyo, February 20.

The Japanese Government hopes to send overseas representatives to seven other countries besides the United States which has already approved the establishment of offices in four cities.

The Japanese Foreign Office withheld comment, but the "Mainichi" quoting Foreign Office circles, said these countries are Brazil, Pakistan, India, Burma, Thailand, Sweden and France.

The "Mainichi" said the Foreign Office has selected the heads and assistant chiefs for the overseas offices in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Honolulu as follows:

New York: Kohji Teraoka (chief), Sakindō Sato (vice-chief); San Francisco: Atsuo Yamanashi; Los Angeles: Seizo Itaya and Katsuo Arita; Honolulu: Kohji Suzuki and Hiroshi Hironaka.

The "Mainichi" said the officials are expected to leave for their posts in the middle of March if their clearances were obtained from SCAP.

In Karachi, it is learned that Pakistan has agreed to the establishment of a Japanese overseas agency.

The agency will only be concerned with Japanese trade and commercial interests. It will have no diplomatic or consular status. —United Press and Reuters.

The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, said in February last year: "There is no question whatever of our giving Hong Kong up unless we decide to do so by mutual agreement."

Conservative Party spokesmen, both in Parliament and in election manifestos, have emphasised that they have no intention of being either jostled or talked out of Hong Kong.

None expects the question of the Hong Kong treaties to be raised by the Chinese Communists for some time yet, possibly not this year, but it is agreed that the general election result on Thursday may well determine whether or not the British Government will even talk about Hong Kong with the Chinese Communists.

The likelihood of Hong Kong being brought into the forthcoming negotiations with Communist China, is being discussed following a Foreign Office announcement that the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. J. C. Hutchison, had made his first contact with Peking Government officials.

Having completed the negotiations with Russia, the Chinese Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, is expected soon to turn his attention to other existing Chinese treaties, including those embracing the British colony and the adjacent territories leased from China.

Official quarters do not expect any immediate demand from the Chinese Communists for a revision of the Hong Kong treaties. However, they have taken note of Mao's repeated declaration that he intends to tear up all "treacherous treaties" that have been effected with imperialistic nations.

Possible course

It is expected that Mao will at least ask a revision of the Hong Kong treaties.

Firstly, in order to counter any Communist power's allegations that he is countenancing the presence of imperialism on Chinese territory, and

Secondly, in order to avail himself of the many economic advantages which Hong Kong offers.

The question is being more widely discussed during the closing speeches of the general election campaign in which the major parties are making known their respective Commonwealth and colonial policies.

The Conservative Party has long maintained that there is no doubt that the Chinese Communists will use every weapon short of armed assault to force the British out of Hong Kong.

The Labour Party is banking on friendly relations with the Peking Government and the belief that Communist China will recognise that Hong Kong should continue as an outlet and inlet for Chinese commerce.

Peking outburst

The Peking radio today gave the South-East Asian countries the benefit of the Chinese Communists' experience by telling them:

"In the colonies and semi-colonies the people must attain liberation without armed struggle."

On the occasion of the "Day of International Solidarity with the Youth and Students fighting against Colonialism", the "radio broadcast" blueprint designed to enable the colonial and semi-colonial people "to defeat their imperialist rulers and gain true national independence." The blueprint falls under three headings.

(1) Armed struggle. "The history of the Chinese revolution proved that in the colonies and semi-colonies, where the ruling classes are backed and armed by imperialist arsenals, the people cannot attain liberation without an armed struggle."

"In areas where the imperialists and their lackeys have a strong concentration of forces, it may not be possible to take up arms with any success."

"In such cases the liberation movement should take the form of legal and illegal mass struggles, which must, however, be co-ordinated with the armed struggles proceeding in other more favourable environments."

"Conspiracies of Wall Street"

(2) Co-operation with the Soviet Union. "The experiences of their own struggle have convinced the Chinese people that only by leaning to one side—the side of the world democracies and peace-loving forces, headed by the Soviet Union—can any country either achieve or maintain genuine independence."

"This is of special significance for the people of South East Asia who are increasingly threatened by the conspiracies of Wall Street."

"With the United States as chief instigator, they (British, French and Dutch) are now busily engaged in trying to force their colonial puppets into a specific alliance, cloaking their initial manoeuvres in talks about 'economic aid'."

(3) "A staunch alliance of the working class with the broad peasant masses."

The radio said that the national and petty bourgeoisies can also "constitute a revolutionary force during the period of anti-imperialist struggle," although "deep in their hearts they fear the real revolutionary movement and are inclined to compromise with the enemy."

"Neither of these classes has the qualifications for leading the revolution. This broad united front can only be successful when it is under the leadership of the working class and its vanguard, the Communist Party." —United Press.

ERP REQUEST

Washington, February 20. Chairman Tom Connally of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today that the Economic Co-operation Administration will ask Congress to vote US\$2,000,000,000 for European recovery next year.

President Harry Truman's budget had set the figure at US\$3,104,000,000. —Associated Press.

Communist strength in Indo-China

Saigon, February 20.

The Communist Party in Indo-China now has 21,000 members, an increase from 5,000 in 1945, French sources said today.

The sources obtained their information from documents captured from the Nationalist followers of Ho Chi Minh, whose Government is recognised by Russia and her satellites.

They estimated that this Communist bloc makes up 20 per cent of Ho's following. The rest, they said, are non-Communist Nationalists who may eventually be weaned away to following the French-sponsored Government of Bao Dai, which is recognised by Britain, the United States and other Western powers. —Associated Press.

Synthetic rubber's future

Washington, February 20.

The Administration today urged keeping in existence synthetic rubber factories with a total capacity of 1,000,000 tons a year.

The Secretary of Commerce, Charles Sawyer, advocated this in testifying before a House of Representatives Military Affairs Sub-Committee.

Mr. Sawyer said, however, that it might not be necessary to operate enough plants to produce that much synthetic rubber. Some could be kept on a standby basis, he testified.

Mr. Sawyer was the first witness for the Administration's proposed new rubber programme which the Sub-Committee is considering. A major provision would authorize the President to sell or lease war-built plants to private industry. The plants in production now are operated by private rubber companies as agents of the Government.

Chairman Carl Vinson of the full Military Affairs Committee showed little enthusiasm for the proposed feature.

Mr. Vinson said the present law, which expires June 30, has operated satisfactorily. He asked Mr. Sawyer to point out where it had failed to provide national security. Mr. Sawyer said the law was a good one, but that he felt the time had come to turn synthetic plants over to private industry.

Mr. Vinson remarked that current world conditions seem to make it advisable to extend the present law three to five years. Mr. Sawyer, however, insisted that he saw no danger in selling or leasing plants since this would be done with adequate safeguards to assure needed production in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Vinson said he thought this might be dangerous and leave this country in the position in which it was at the outbreak of the last war. —Associated Press.

THAILAND AND BAO DAI

Bangkok, February 20.

The Thai Cabinet, after a whole-day meeting, still had not decided whether to recognise the Bao Dai Government of Indo-China.

A source close to the Council said the Ministers indicated the chance of recognition becoming smaller as the Thai Government has often repeated the policy of not recognising any regime until it has proved it is supported by its own people. —United Press.

France menaced by new strikes

Paris, February 20.

Strike threats throw France's shaky labour front into new turmoil tonight.

Labour unions and employers came to grips for the first time since the war in direct negotiations on wages.

Major developments included:

1. Some 7,000 workers walked off the job at the nationalised Renault motor plant. A strike ballot was set for tomorrow and might produce a walk-out of more than 200,000 car and metal industry employees in and around Paris.

2. Communist-led labour unions called a 24-hour strike of dock workers at Marseilles for February 27 and threatened to extend it to all French ports.

3. Workers in the Nationalised electricity plants threatened to walk out in support of demands for higher wages.

4. A strike of some 10,000,000 lawyers, doctors and other professional men and shopkeepers was called for Wednesday in protest against the mounting tax burden.

Several weeks ago the Communist leaders ordered dockers not to load supplies for French forces in Indo-China nor discharge United States military aid shipments to France.

Troops called in

The Government for several days has been making large-scale preparations to deal with any trouble when the first military aid shipments arrive early in March.

Troops under strong police protection landed a ship at La Pallice today with equipment for Indo-China after dock workers had refused to do so.

Within the next two weeks troops have also landed ships at Marseilles.

St. Nazaire, Le Havre and other ports.

A general strike by dockers was called for February 27 at Marseilles as a protest against the Government's action.

The strike is also probably intended as a test of Communist labour unions' ability to bring port workers out in case of a major showdown when American military aid shipments start pouring in. —United Press.



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SIAM'S PERSONAL POLITICS

The Siamese General Kach Songkram is an unwilling guest in Hong Kong. He is also by no means a welcome guest, and we see no reason why he should not move on when his extended transit visa expires. His allegation that British business corporations in Bangkok paid the police many thousands of dollars to get him deported is arrant nonsense. The truth is that he was caught red-handed in a plot against the Government, was given the choice of deportation or of suffering the penalty of his activities, and took the wiser course. It was the same as that taken, of his own volition, by the former Prime Minister Pridi Panomyong, when he was thrown out of office by the coup d'état which General Kach Songkram engineered in 1947.

When Constitutional Government, which is supposed to obtain in Siam, becomes subverted by repeated armed coups, this is the sort of penalty that becomes inevitable. Britain has done a great deal to help Siam since the war, especially in the restoration of the rice industry and in promoting internal and economic stability. She has done this partly out of the old traditional attachment, but chiefly because Siamese recovery is indispensable to the general interests of all South-East Asia.

But the personal politics to which Siam has been reduced ever since the 1932 coup have proved just as unstable as the old benevolent autocracy of the Monarchy was stable, till it was overthrown. Unhappily, the Siamese politicians know only too well how to make use of the instability of domestic politics to put forward demands. When one of the Ministers tried to bring off their rice coup recently, which would have netted the Government a huge sum without any advantage to either the producer or the miller, an officially inspired Press campaign threatened that political stability would be disrupted if they failed to get away with it.

Now the Siamese Prime Minister is clamouring for measures to halt the Communist menace. Immediate steps are necessary, he declared, to erect economic and military barriers, or all South-East Asia will go Communist. He described the Communists as the most dangerous enemies Siam has ever had, and said they had intensified their propaganda activities in Siam.

All this is no doubt true, but the threat of Communism is both internal and external, and for the present at least the chief danger is internal. Little can be done to hold frontiers if the internal situation is unstable or if the authorities have deprived themselves of real popular support. The building of barriers has to begin within. There was a timely warning on this score in the "Manchester Guardian" a few days ago. It referred to the character of Siamese politics since the 1932 coup, and to the distribution of the alliance between the so-called revolutionaries who brought about the coup, and the Marxists who would have

The main point of much anti-Socialist argument, including Lord Vansittart's, is the advice that every elector should make "Communism" the "test case" of the General Election.

"Support nobody who will not advocate more adequate anti-Communist measures during the next five years," he writes.

But what should these anti-Communist measures be?

I agree that one aim of our foreign policy should be to build Britain, and, indeed, all the Western democracies, into a solid bulwark against Communism. But what sort of bulwark?

This is where the difference between the Socialist and the anti-Socialist camp begins. Thus, Lord Vansittart seems to assume that the more loudly anybody talks anti-Communism the more reliable an ally he will be. We have surely learned during the past four years what a fallacy this is.

Consider Chiang Kai-shek! Here, surely, was an anti-Communist ally. Lord Vansittart's own honour and the Americans' dollars' worth of aeroplanes and tanks.

And the result? These aeroplanes and tanks are now the property of the Chinese Communists. By giving military aid to Chiang Kai-shek's anti-Communist crusade the Americans played into the hands of the Communists.

Thank heavens the Labour Government refused to participate in this nonsense. Thank heavens Mr. Attlee refused to practise the type of anti-Communism that Mr. Churchill and the Tory Party advocate in India.

Imagine what would have happened there if we had followed Mr. Churchill's advice, reimposed the British raj, and tried to make India a British Imperial bulwark against Russian Communism.

The result would have been a military defeat, a diplomatic humiliation, and a ignominious withdrawal. If Mr. Churchill had had his way India would now be out of the Commonwealth and Lord Vansittart would be denouncing Nehru as a dangerous Communist.

Without firing a shot, without possessing an atom-bomb, by granting India her independence the Labour Government has won a real victory against Communism. Today, in the White House, secret conversations are proceeding with the usual American "leaks" about the hydrogen bomb.

America's own Tory Old Guard and the Chiefs of Staff are telling the President that he must immediately proceed to manufacture an H-bomb hundreds of times more destructive than the A-bomb. And they accuse anybody who opposes them of being a fellow-traveller or a crypto-Communist.

Who can doubt that if Mr. Churchill wins the election, the British Government would back up the American Chiefs of Staff and we should be well on the way to the third world war?

The French miner is much the same sort of person as the British miner. Yet the French miners are solidly Communist today, whereas, after 40 years of Labour government, the Communists are fast losing any influence they possessed at the end of the war in our National Union of Mineworkers.

Why the difference? Is it because of Russian gold poured into France? No. The difference is that the French Government has taken Mr. Churchill's advice, re-

all this as pre-history—a mere prelude to mass movements. "If the Siamese themselves are unable to organise modern type politics, the Chinese, who form a very substantial minority, are likely to take the initiative. Marshal Phibun has taken foolishly provocative steps against the Chinese. It will be a misfortune for Siam's neighbours if, because of his rashness, Siam should go down before Communism. It will increase the danger to all other countries in South-East Asia."

Siam's position is such today that the only stable factor at all is the Prime Minister himself, and it is doubtful if personal politics will ever be a matter for the methods of the Communists. Yet there is a Parliament, and it contains many able and genuinely democratic leaders who are at present impotent. The present set-up is inadequate. There is constant unrest and persistent plotting. The perils Siam faces are of a grave order, for any Communist trouble inside the country would very soon lead to a civil war. This in turn would make the "malicious" night of China, where the Siamese are already being driven from their lands by Communist propaganda from Tokyo, but a distinction to more far-reaching measures.

WANTED NOW: A WORLD FAIR DEAL

By R.H.S. Crossman

instated free enterprise, abolished rationing and controls, and permitted the rich to grow richer and the poor poorer.

The French miner, in desperation, at the failure of French democracy to give him a fair share of sticks to the Communists. The British miner, who has received a square deal, is more solidly Socialist and democratic than ever before.

The strangest thing about the view which is set forth so vigorously by so experienced a statesman as Lord Vansittart is that it neglects the major fact in world politics today—the demand of the coloured peoples of Africa and Asia for freedom and fair shares.

One after another the Colonial peoples will go Communist—as

the Chinese have already done—unless the Western World can offer them something more solid than words and phrases, something more beneficial than the use of their territories as military bases.

In the long run the only way to make the world safe from Communism is to create a World Fair Deal under which the wealthier nations, which include not only the United States of America but Britain as well, come to the assistance of the poorer nations.

Up to the very limit of our capacity—if not beyond it—Labour Britain has been doing this since the war. We have received something over £1,800,000,000 under the American and Canadian loans and from Marshall Aid. We have passed on rather

more than this in assistance to poorer nations particularly inside the Commonwealth.

The great danger today is that the Tory Old Guard in Britain may panic the country into believing that the manufacture of H-bombs and the equipping of tank divisions must take priority over these plans for a World Fair Deal.

They would certainly be able to persuade a Tory Government of it. If they had their way, and rearmament took priority over social reconstruction, the result would be: (1) The economic collapse which creates conditions for the growth of Communism; and (2) A world war which, whatever else it did, would eliminate Western democracy.

This is why I believe that the best hope for world peace lies in the success of the Fair Deal in America and the Socialist experiment in Britain.

From an Election notebook

By "WINDRUSH"

FEBRUARY 6: In their campaign, the Conservatives have so far scored twice. The first was over their election manifesto, the second was in Edinborough tonight. It was an extraordinarily effective performance, and it was the first speech yet made by the Conservatives which Labour might wish to emulate.

Eden has something of the knack of Baldwin in using the radio. He convinces. He is one of the very few Conservative speakers who can put emotion into their voice without being thought "phony". It was a relatively simple speech; but it displayed what most listeners probably felt was a right standard of values.

FEBRUARY 7: Every election campaign produces something unexpected. In this one it is the Liberal intervention. The action by the Liberal Party is interesting because it was not decided by the Liberal high command. Apparently they never thought of putting up more than 300 candidates. But once the campaign started the real lead was taken by the Liberal associations in the constituencies. It was these which decided to put up candidates and it was these which produced the funds to pay for them.

Thus the Liberal campaign is a genuine popular movement. It is not a "top-down" affair. It is not a "bottom-up" affair. It is a genuine popular movement. It is not a "top-down" affair. It is not a "bottom-up" affair. It is a genuine popular movement.

All last week the tide was flowing—not very strongly, but flowing nevertheless—towards Labour. In the last year or two it is said to have stopped. But

the Conservatives have a fatal handicap—people think of them as the party which wants to keep things, instead of changing things. There are still plenty of natural conservatives in the land. It is true, but probably they are not a majority. Labour, clumsy and bumbling as it is, does look to be trying to create a new society.

This—and the belief that life has been made rather easier by social services—and the fixed belief that the Conservative Government means unemployment—may be enough to give Labour its working majority.

People don't like the blatant Conservative appeal to the class interests of the middle class. That has strengthened the conviction that the Tories are a class party.

FEBRUARY 8: The Conservatives are fighting a 1924 campaign. If this was 1924 they would win hands down by present campaign. But can they win in 1950?

FEBRUARY 9: The Labour posters at South-end last full employment, health services and family allowances. This, they say, is "All thanks, Labour". Lord Beveridge, who should know, does not agree. At all. "Not one of these things is essentially a Labour policy," he says. "They are all in the Beveridge report. They were all accepted by the Coalition Government before Labour came to power, and family allowances were actually put into law then. Most of these things we should have had from any Government set up in 1945." This may be true—but a very large part of the population does not believe it.

Pitch, politics and petrol

By Richard Greenough

Tucked down at the Southern end of the Caribbean Sea, under the lee of South America, next door to the delta of the yellow, swift-flowing Orinoco, Trinidad is about half the size of, and the same shape as, Wales.

It is certainly the richest and probably the most important Colony of the British West Indies. Though it is the last link in the chain of sugar islands, Trinidad's fortune does not depend on sugar cane crops.

The principal reasons for Trinidad's wealth and importance are pitch, politics and petrol. Pitch is important because Port of Spain may be the capital of Britain's newest Dominion, which is expected eventually to emerge from the contemplated federation of West Indies Colonies.

Blueprints for the proposed federation are now ready after two years' work and are expected to be announced at any time. Even if Trinidad isn't chosen as the political centre, Port of Spain without doubt will be the new Dominion's commercial capital.

For federation

After sugar, federation is the subject most discussed and argued across the length and breadth of the British Caribbean.

From what I have gathered it seems generally agreed that such a step is bound ultimately to make the Colonies more prosperous and self-sufficient. If they are able freely to trade their varied goods among themselves under common tariffs and untrammelled by the outside world.

All this is grand while the crops are good, while there are no wars and self-supporting. But for in the past the West Indies have always been able to count on Britain helping them out of their difficulties with loans, advice and preferential trading. Some say that the real motive force driving the drive for federation is the desire to escape from the economic stranglehold of the British Empire.

The strongest force opposing federation apart from died-in-the-wool white reactionaries still living and thinking in terms of the pre-1914 era—comes from Indians and East Indians who form more than a third of the Colony's 600,000, and more than half of British Guiana's 500,000 populations—one reason why British Guiana is not supporting federation.

An influential group of the Indians has written to Mr. Crook Jones detailing their reasons for opposing federation.

When West Indian independence is sufficiently developed, it seems most likely that the first Governor-General will be Sir Herbert Hancock, now Governor of Trinidad.

As for petrol, Trinidad's importance lies in the fact that it is the Commonwealth's largest oil-producing Colony.

Petrol export

Last year 187,000,000 gallons of petrol, and only slightly fewer gallons of fuel oil, were exported worth about £7,000,000, and totalling 75 per cent. of all the Colony's exports.

Statements to the effect that the island's 2,100 wells would be drying up within 12 years resulted in a £5,000,000 Anglo-Trinidadian modernising scheme for new refineries and new wells more than two miles deep to tap the oil that experts are sure is there.

With all this under their feet, Trinidadians will pay in 1949 a gallon, though petrol is rationed.

The third principal reason why Trinidad is well off is its unique Pitch Lake.

The 116 acres of this lake at the sea's edge seem inexhaustible. World-wide demand for asphalt, bitumen, and other products of the lake is growing. The Government is now planning to develop the lake into a large-scale industrial area.

"History is a fable agreed on," said Napoleon. The fable agreed on in England today by the majority of the people happens to be one very much in Labour's interest. This is perhaps the handicaps which the Tories face. People have adopted, quite sincerely—a very highly coloured picture of the "Tories of the years of Tory rule." It is an unhistorical and inaccurate picture, at least in many respects—but the essential weakness of the Conservatives in modern England is shown by the fact that they have not been able to smash this false picture.

FEBRUARY 10: Some Labour leaders say they are confident now of a majority of at least 80. This seems to be conviction. They are not merely whistling to keep their courage up.

One candidate nominated at Aston in Birmingham today is standing as an Independent. He declares himself "a specialist in world peace." It is a little ironic that he should have to be called a freak candidate.

FEBRUARY 11: Allegedly one of the principal issues of the election is nationalisation. Should it be continued? In fact it is an issue about which the majority of the electorate is quite unmoved, one way or the other. When our undertaking is nationalised, the noticeable effects on the life of the community is small.

The average man hardly knows that anything has been changed. It is run at a loss, the average man is hardly aware of it. So he refuses to get excited.

Both parties profess themselves optimistic. Both really do seem to be optimistic. It is not a matter of whistling to keep their courage up. In the Labour Party the Tories are said to be less confident than the politicians.

The Conservatives are setting great store by their organisation. They fought the 1945 election with a machine which had been practically scrapped during the war. Now there are 180,000 young Conservatives enrolled in a League, all political canvassers. But are elections won by organisation?

The Tablet this week-end has a mordant comment on elections and democracy. At the last election only 75 per cent. of the electorate voted. And at the election the votes for Conservatives and Liberals together were larger than those for Labour. Yet London has acted as if its majority support in the country was as great as its majority in Parliament.

To judge from the comment of one friend the dominant feeling about the election at the moment is—boredom.

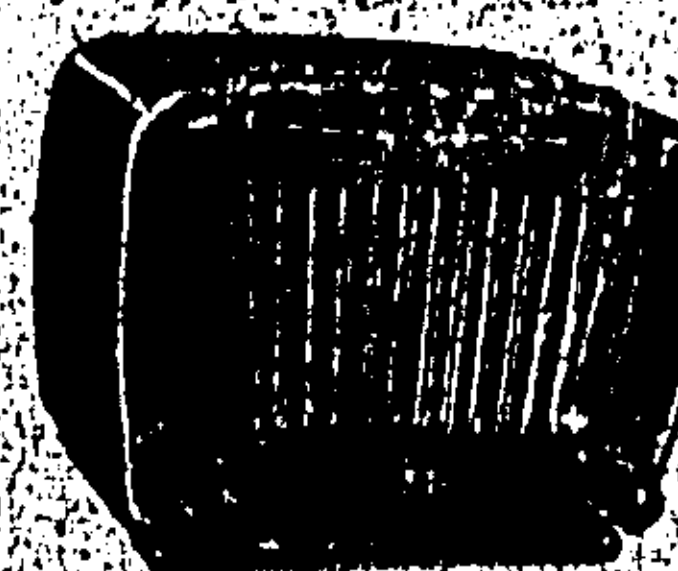
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The jungle roars that interrupted Mr. Morrison's speech at Chatham indicate that unwilling members of the welfare state are not prepared to accept further dictation from down.

If they carry out this project to build a subterranean U.S. capital as defence against enemy bombing, will Senators and Congressmen be able to describe themselves as members of the Underground?

Blake wins cocktail competition with concoction named after Amethyst's commander.

Judging by the ingredients, you have to be pretty heroic to dash down the explosive mixture.

Li Tsung-jen's doctor advises against his return to Taiwan. Yes, the conditions there aren't really too healthy.

Unpleasant peasants. These "nice tax collectors" who are reported to be having such a difficult time with farmers in the Southern provinces, surely deserved a more courteous reception.

My wife planted some bulbs Upside down, Silly clown. They were hyacinths. We haven't seen them climb. But I bet Old Nick is taking his pick.

"Conservatives claim swing to right." Yes, I'm afraid there will soon be none of the old jazz left.

"Cabbage is, without doubt, the most popular vegetable," according to one article.

Beans, of course, are runners-up.

A writer mentions a baronet who has given up using his title. His friends are much annoyed at his going off the handle like this.

"When I was a boy I took my girl friend into the woods, and read her a book by Mark Twain. 'I know—Tom Sawyer.' 'Did he really?' Well, you never know who's looking these days, do you?'"

Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good. I know better. The things I worry about don't happen.

Myrtle describes her swollen-headed swain as the kind of bloke who's always me-deep in conversation.



"But, Ess, it is only fair, if you have Paris model I should have the nylon stockings—the wool ones tickle too much."

CONSERVATIVES CLAIM SWING TO THE RIGHT

Tory party swept by a wave of optimism

LABOUR EQUALLY CONFIDENT

LONDON, FEBRUARY 20.

THE LABOUR PARTY IS TODAY BACKING ITS FAITH IN VICTORY IN THURSDAY'S GENERAL ELECTION BY LAYING ON PLANS FOR ELABORATE LONDON CELEBRATIONS.

At the same time a great wave of optimism swept the Conservative Party tonight—three days before polling.

Party managers reported that a canvass of 90 per cent of the 34,000,000 electors disclosed a pronounced swing to the Right gaining momentum every hour.

They claim that the canvass checked against the results of an earlier survey, show that their Party is successfully recruiting a large percentage of the vital "floating vote" of about 5,000,000 people who had earlier not decided which Party to support.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, issued a message to all Labour candidates and Party workers saving the cam-

But bookmakers are giving an "odds on" price for Socialist chances of gaining a second term of power. One well-known bookmaker, who quoted odds of six to four on the prospect of a left wing victory, and odds of six to five against the chances of Conservative victory, today turned cautious with no particular chances either way.

Tonight's betting by quarters

cooked, though they are hopeful of mitigating the effects of centralising control. Cleavage between the parties must be sought in their respective attitudes to future projects of socialisation, notably the already enacted (but postponed) nationalisation of the immense and complicated iron and steel industry.

Reports from the constituencies disclose only faint interest in the future campaign



Australia's part in the Pacific area

Darwin, February 20. Australia and New Zealand, which are on the perimeter of the South East Asian defence area, will have a big part to play in future strategy in the Pacific, the United

CHURCHILL ON APPROACH TO SOVIET RUSSIA

Manchester, February 20. Mr. Winston Churchill, the Conservative leader, in a campaign speech here for an approach to Stalin. Mr. Churchill said, "After all, it is the mass of people who suffer most when war comes. It is not the Socialist politicians who shed their blood."

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bring us the nearer to our heart's desire." Dealing with the Socialist criticism of his appeal as an Election stunt, Mr. Churchill said, "After all, it is the mass of people who suffer most when war comes. It is not the Socialist politicians who shed their blood." "It was clear to most people," he added, "that more vision than Mr. Bevin (the Foreign Secretary) possesses is required in the handling of our foreign affairs." "I repeat that Christian men should not close the door upon any hope of finding a better foundation than the atomic bomb for the life of the self-tormented human race," Mr. Churchill concluded.

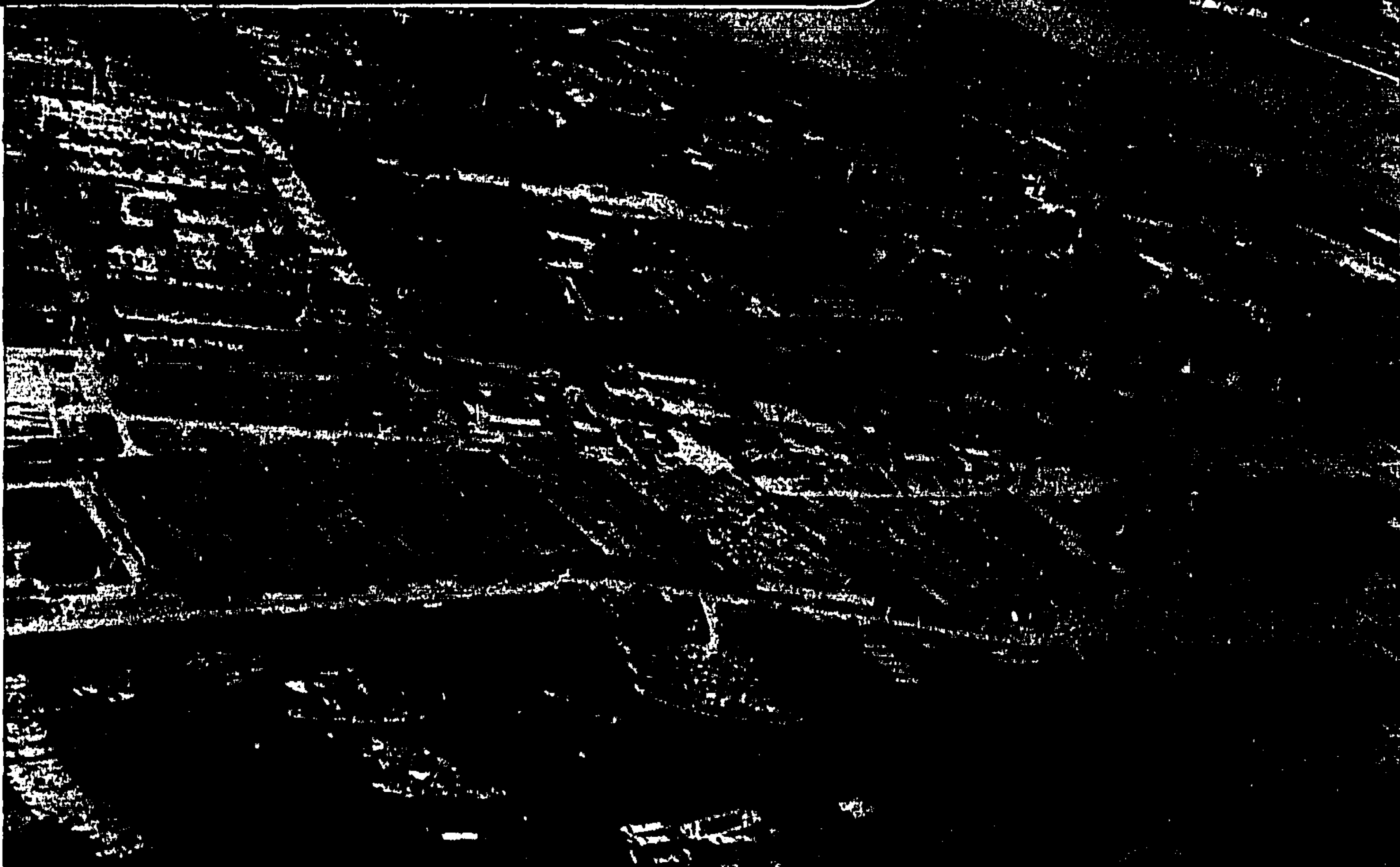
Attlee applauded

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, spoke tonight from a platform shared by his Conservative and Liberal Party opponents, to an audience in his own constituency of Walthamstow. On the problem of payments, Mr. Attlee said, "If the world had one currency it would be a far easier thing." "I am convinced that we can overcome it (the dollar gap) by working the same way as we are doing now, provided we still have a planned economy." Most of the audience were workers at a furniture factory. They gave polite applause to the Conservative and Liberal candidates and reserved their heavier batteries of handclapping for the Prime Minister. — United Press and Reuter.

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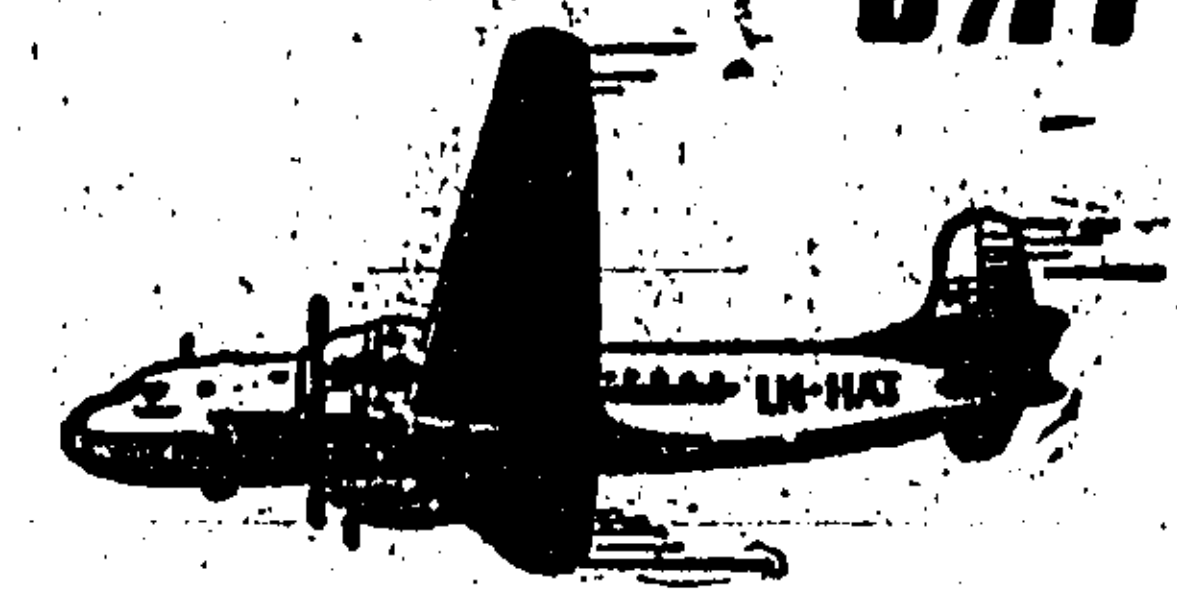
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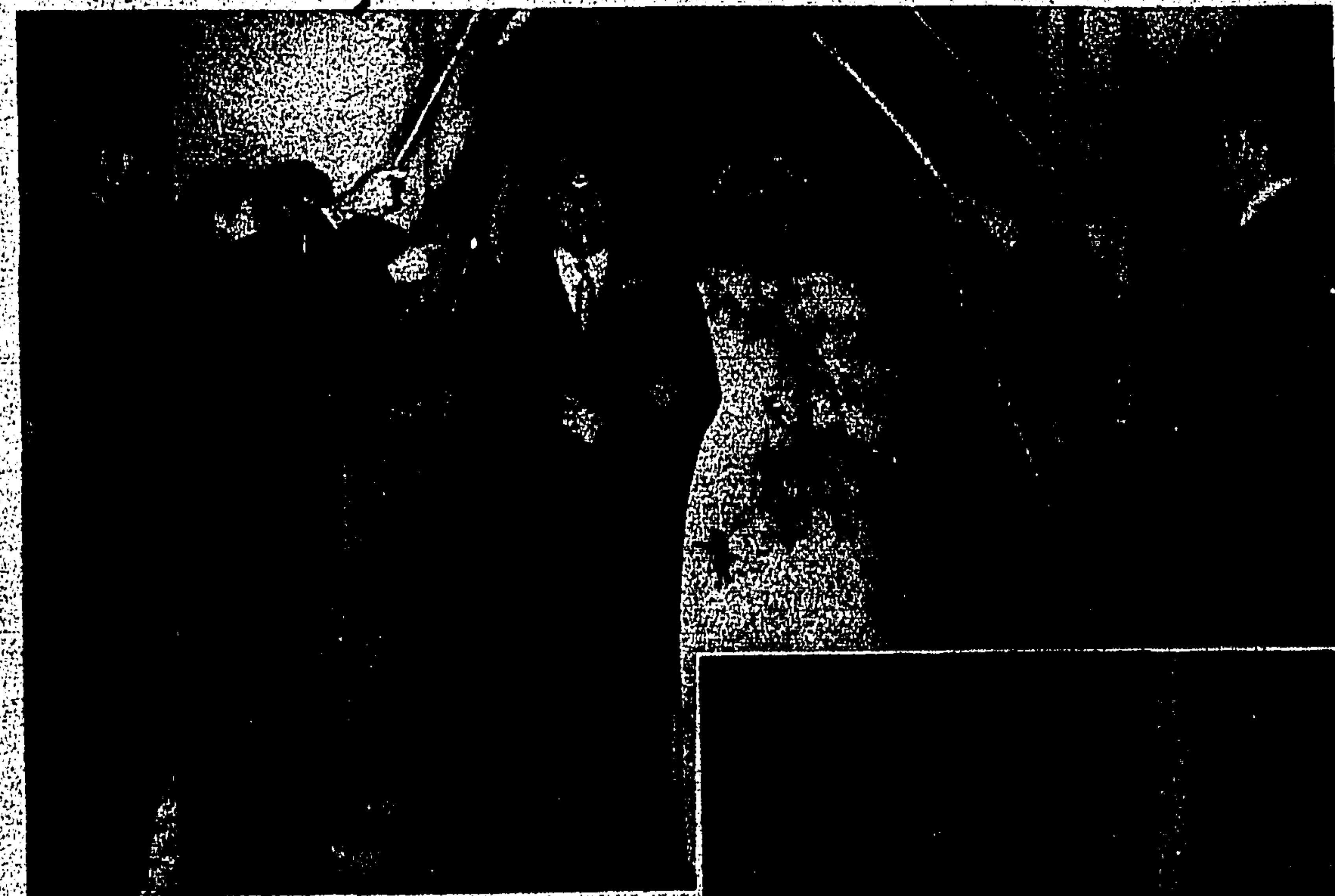
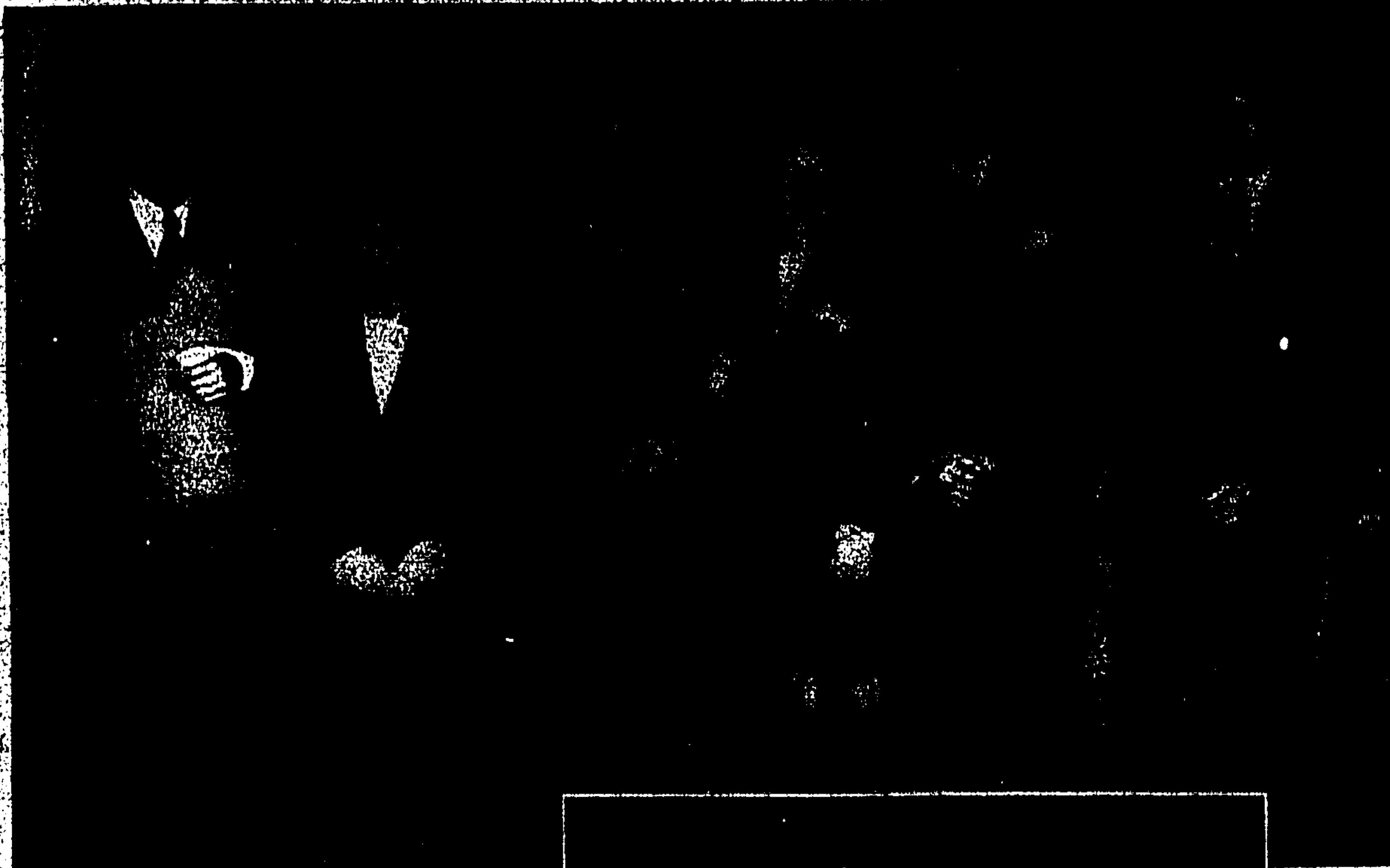
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Shown after their marriage at the Registrar's office are Mr. and Mrs. R. G. T. Davis. The bride is the former Miss Sylvia Attwood.—"China Mail" photo.

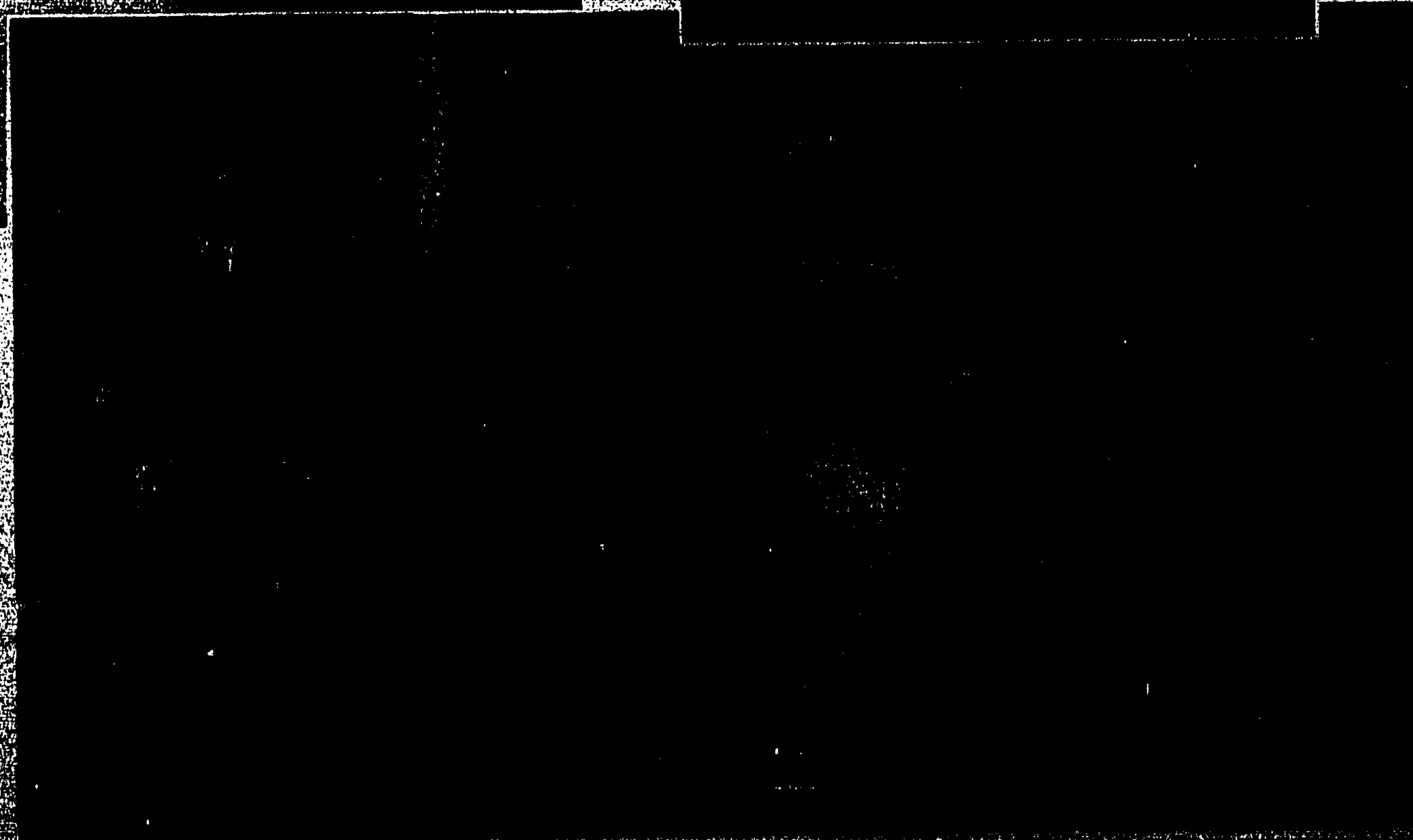
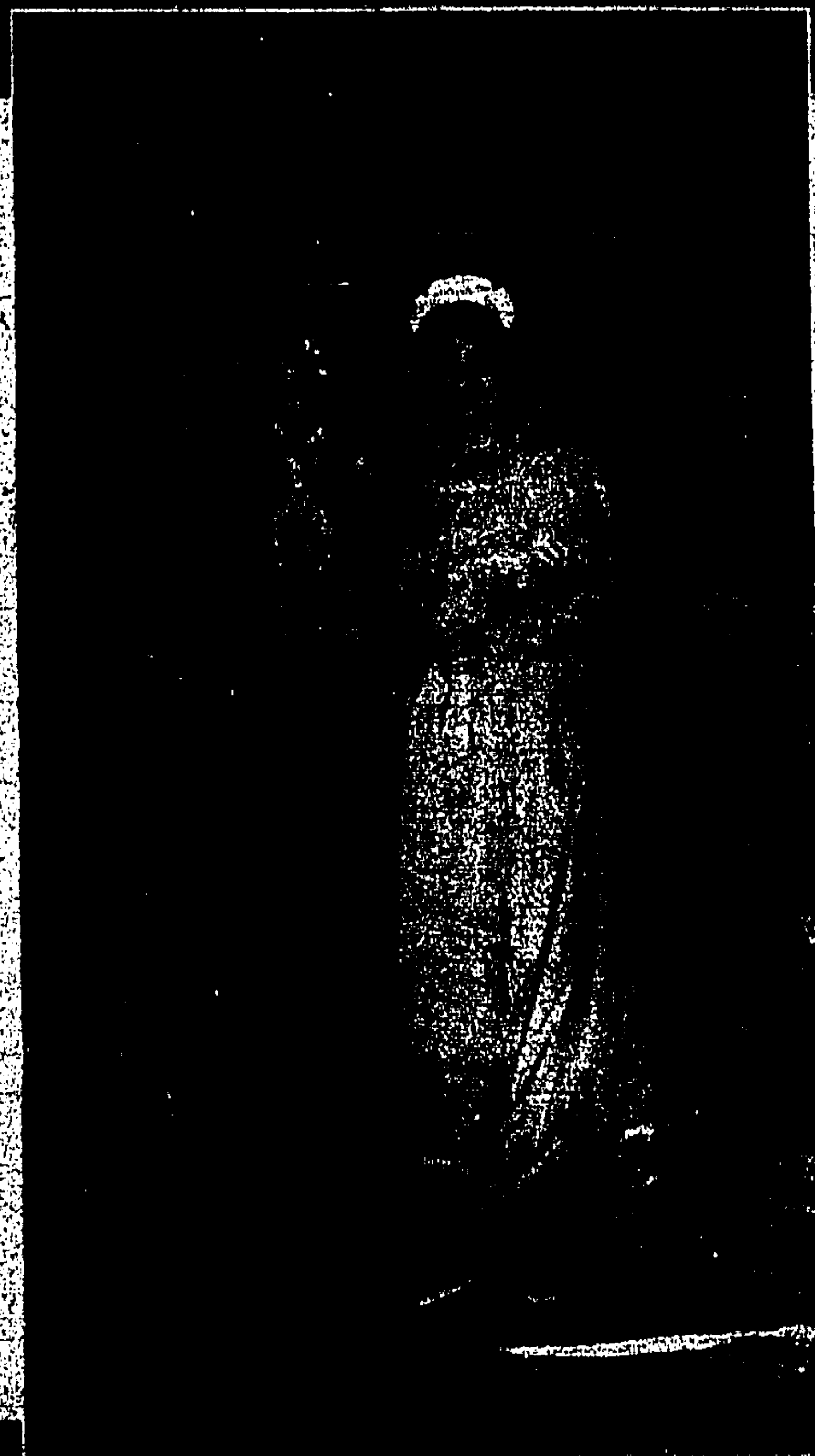
Posing for the camera after their wedding are Mr. and Mrs. Cicero L. Rozario. The bride is the former Miss Margaret Mary Xavier.—"Victor" photo.

Mr. and Mrs. Li Wing-fuen, who were married recently at the Peninsula Hotel.—"Sun Ying Ming" photo.



Mr. and Mrs. H. J. C. Brown leave St. John's Cathedral after their recent wedding.—"China Mail" photo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnaldo David Cardoso, who were married this month. The bride is the former Miss Margaret Young.

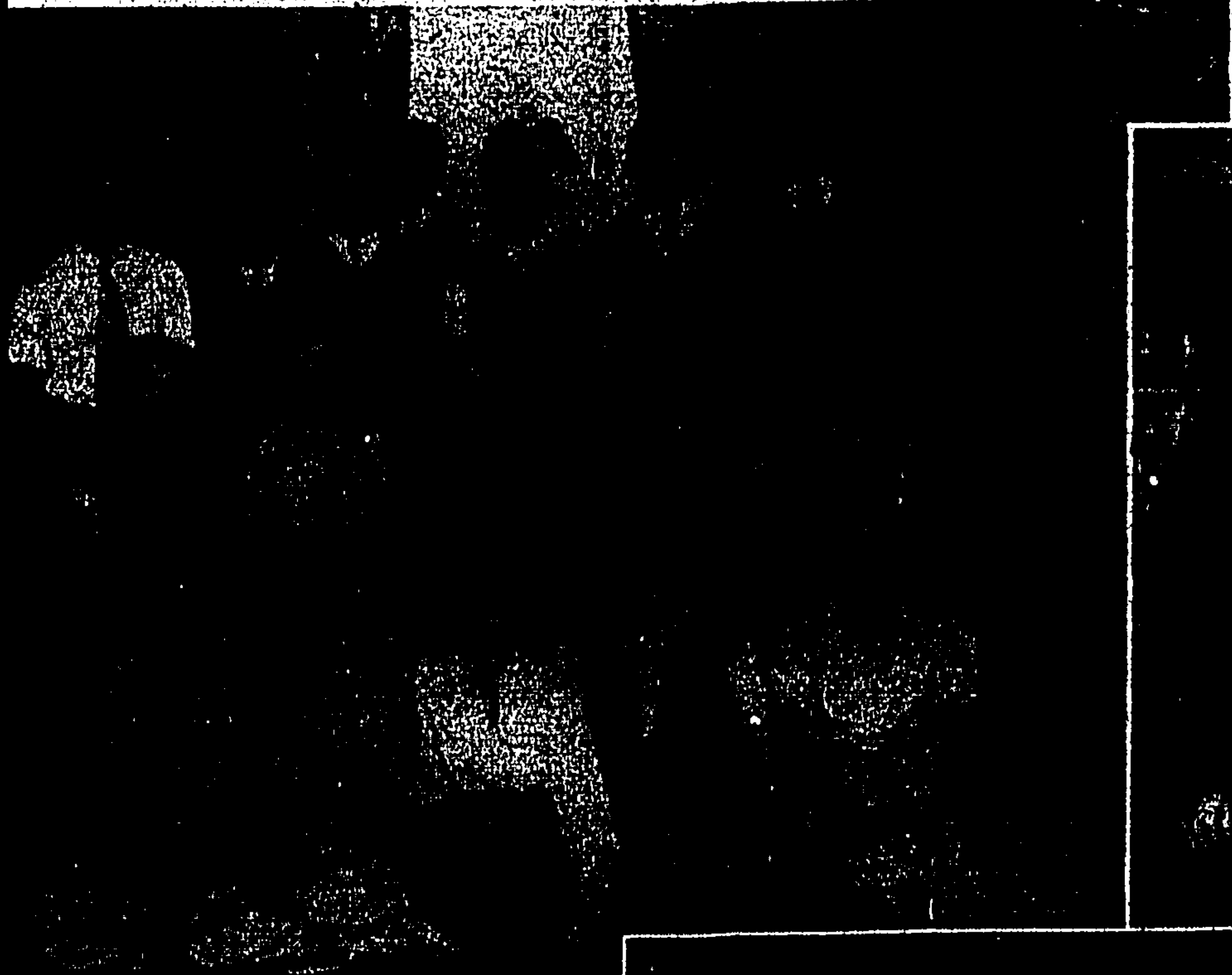




ken at the annual dinner of the Coca Cola sales organisation, held at Luna Park's Skyroom.—"Luna Park" photo.

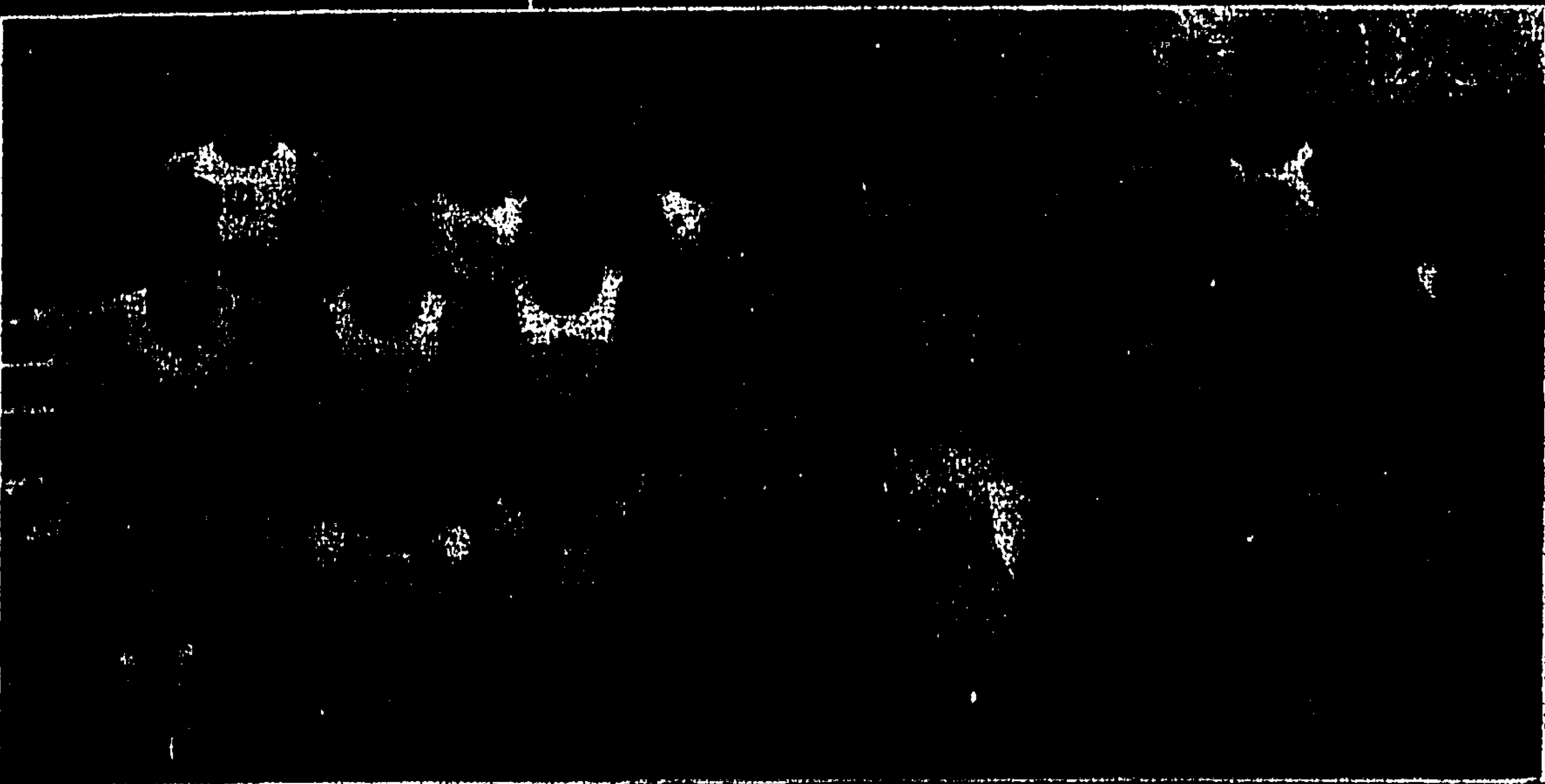
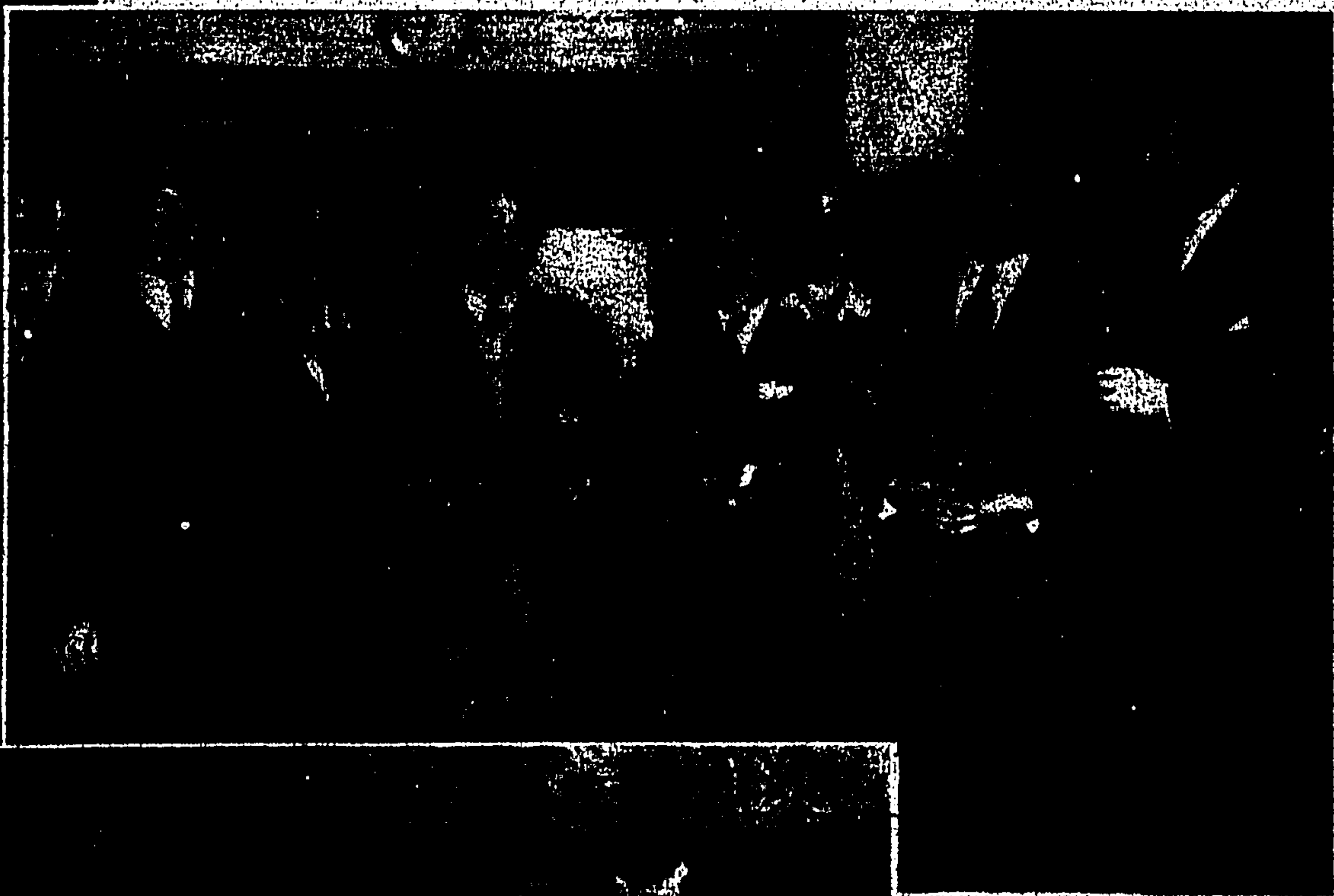


Miss Chau Sai-chung poses in front of several of her paintings which were exhibited at the Hotel Cecil last week.—"S. Y. Wong" photo.



Miss Margaret Blenkinsop is shown with her friends who helped her to celebrate her 15th birthday at her home recently.—"Mayfair" photo.

Some of the guests who were on hand at the launching of the ketch Marinette at the Wing On Shing shipyard recently.—"China Mail" photo.

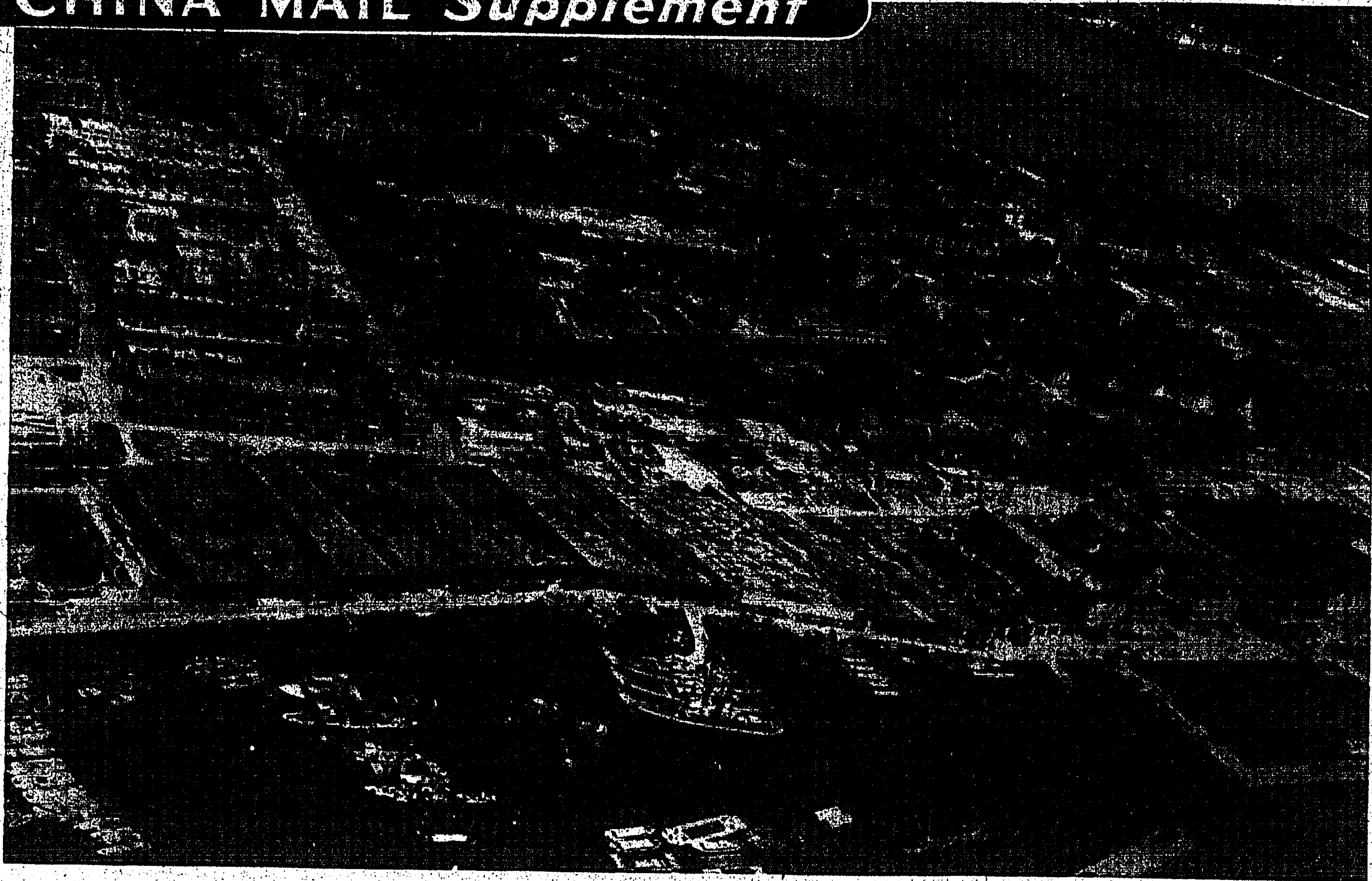


Dr. Y. A. R. Selby, who is leaving the Colony shortly, shown after being presented with a silver tray by the Hong Kong Football Club as a token of appreciation for his services to the Club.—"China Mail" photo.

The boxing team from the 11th Infantry Workshops of the 40th Infantry Division which fought and beat the 16th Infantry Workshops of Land Forces in a tournament recently.—"China Mail" photo.

It's dance time as the Hong Kong University's Engineering and Science Societies held their annual dance at the Peninsula Hotel recently.—"Ming Yuen" photo.

Photo taken at the opening of the Kwong Wai Theatre in On Long.—"Sun Ying Ming" photo.



Aerial view of the Yaumati area on the Kowloon peninsula, with the Naval Dockyards in the foreground. — "China Mail" photo.

Pokfulam is one of the fine residential districts in Hong Kong. Here is a photo of what it looks like from a plane. The Queen Mary Hospital is at the left. — "China Mail" photo.





Sir Alexander Grantham, the Governor, speaking at the opening of the Staff Quarters of the Nursing Training School, Nethersole Hospital.— "China Mail" photo.

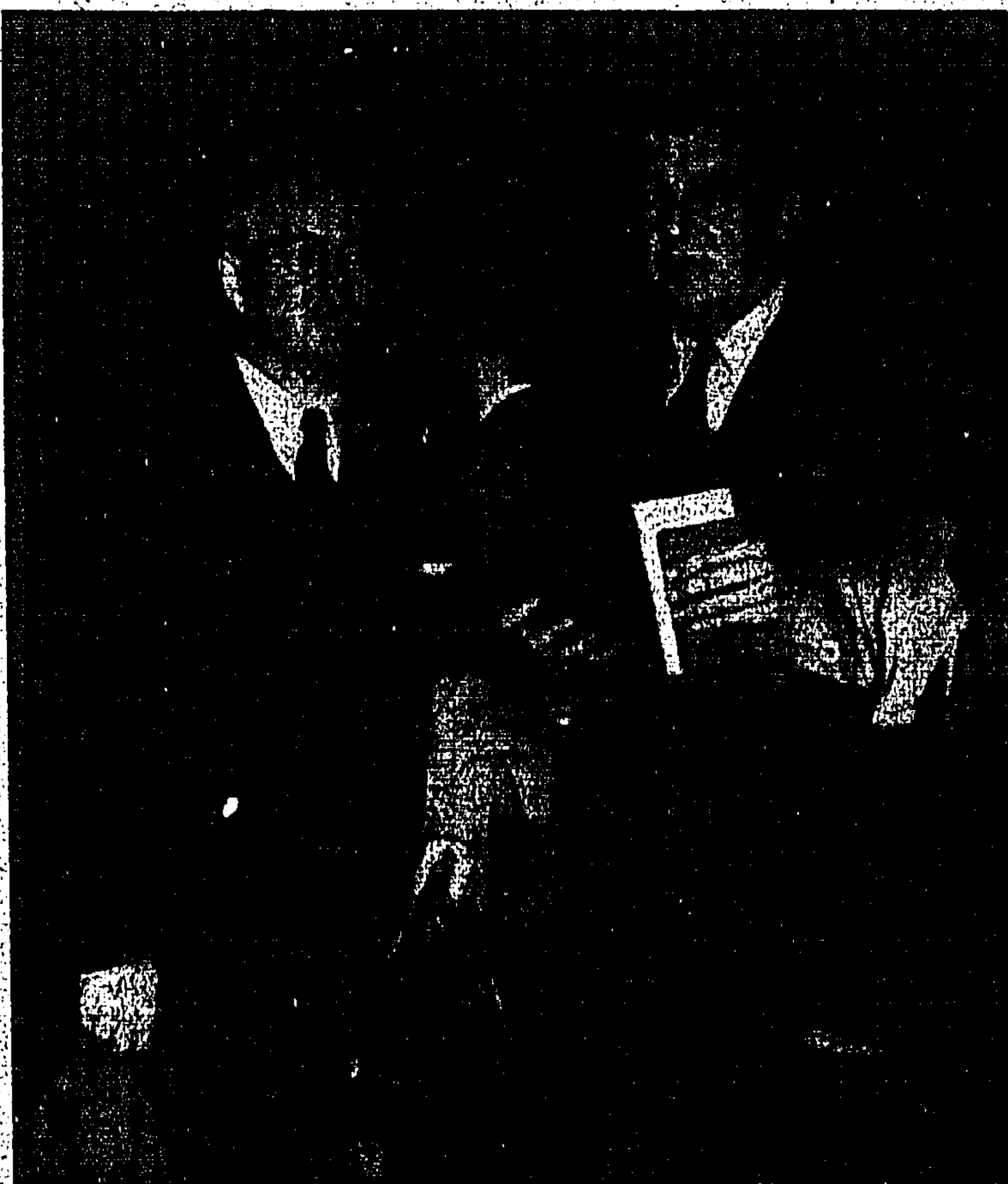
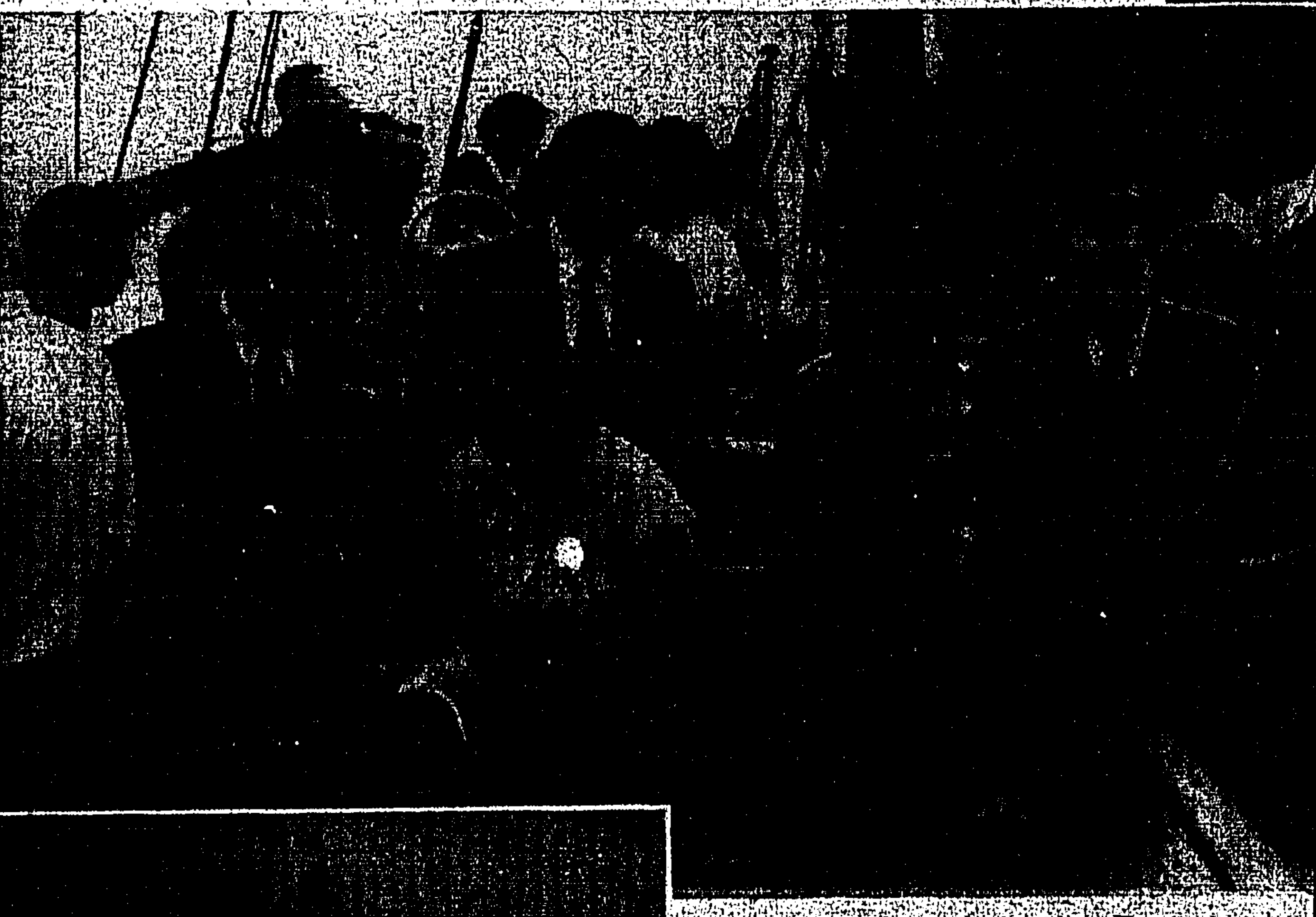


Mr. H. R. Hirst, left, Accountant-General of the Treasury, shakes hands with Mr. J. Hargreaves, Assistant Accountant-General, at a party to mark the former's transfer to Nigeria.— "China Mail" photo.

Pretty Miss Joan Page, American screen and radio star, entertains with a song at Luna Park's Skyroom.— "Luna Park" photo.

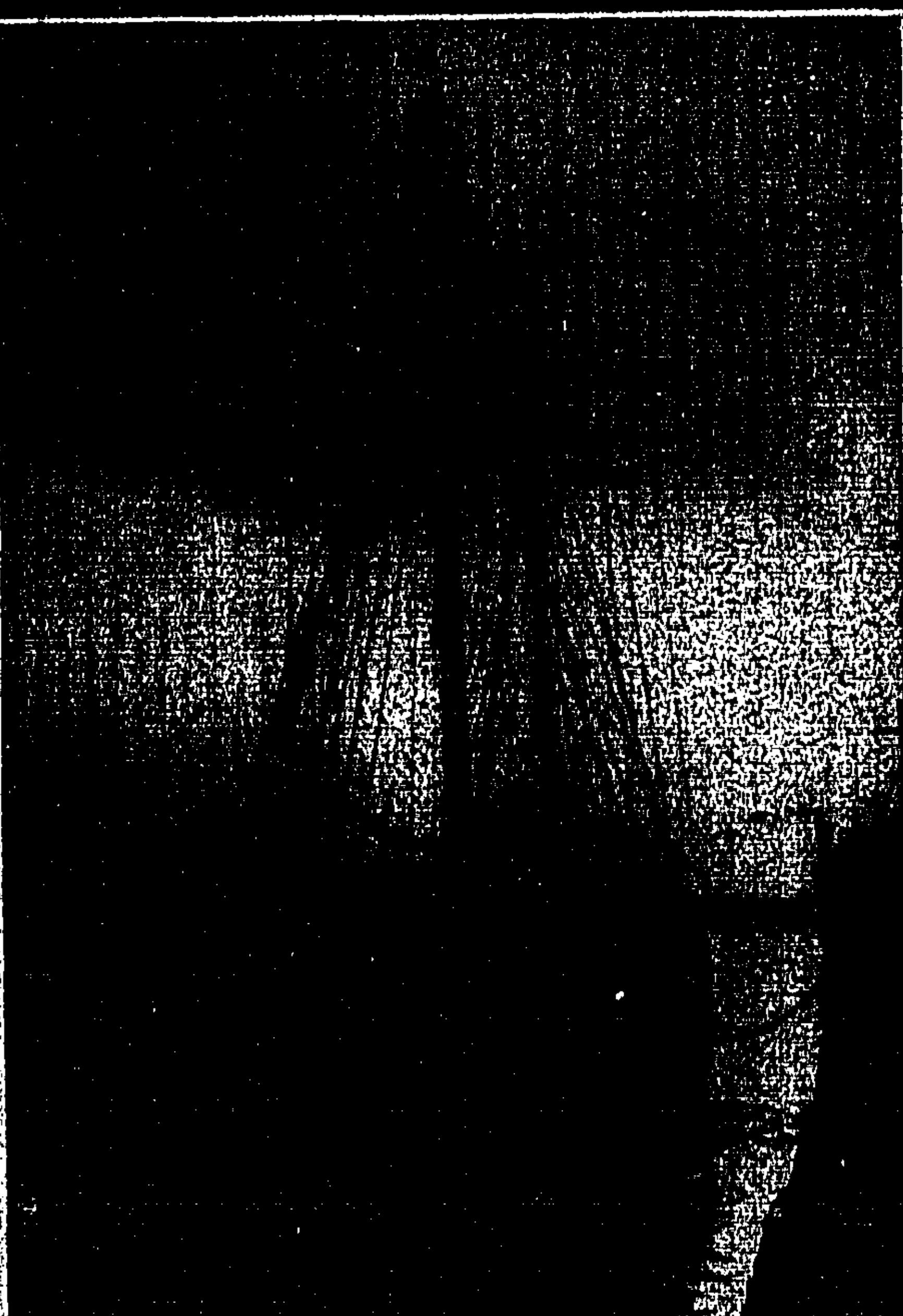


Picture



Mr. W. Walton Butterworth, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, right, shown during his brief stopover in the Colony. Mr. Butterworth was on his way to the Bangkok Conference.— "China Mail" photo.

The Marinette, a ketch which was launched earlier this month at the Wing On Shing shipyard.— "China Mail" photo.



Radio operator hero of ship disaster

Copenhagen, February 20. Signals from a fainting radio operator in a blazing mail boat in the Kattegat guided the 11,000-ton Swedish-American liner, Stockholm, through fog to the rescue of 108 terrified passengers today from the 3,038-ton Danish mail boat, the Kronprins Olav.

Navigating "blind" through dense fog, the liner picked up the passengers and some of the crew seven miles off the Swedish coast.

UN PLAN FOR TANGANYIKA

Geneva, February 20. The 12-State United Nations Trusteeship Council today recommended that Britain take steps to end all discriminatory laws and practices in Tanganyika. It urged consideration of the possibility of setting up inter-racial schools.

Segregation of European, Asian and African children in different schools, it thought, might perpetuate feelings of racial discrimination and superiority. In a report to the territory, the Council offered congratulations on the general improvement in the standard of living and lauded its recommendations for further improvement.

The Council noted with concern that Tanganyika medical facilities left much room for improvement and hoped that a great expansion and development of medical services will be undertaken "without delay."

Improvements in general education policy with particular attention to girls and with more help for students to attend overseas universities were also suggested.

STAR'S DIVORCE

Hollywood, February 20. The film actress, Marguerite Chapman, got a divorce today from Bentley Ryan on her testimony that he continually criticized her during their year of marriage.—United Press.

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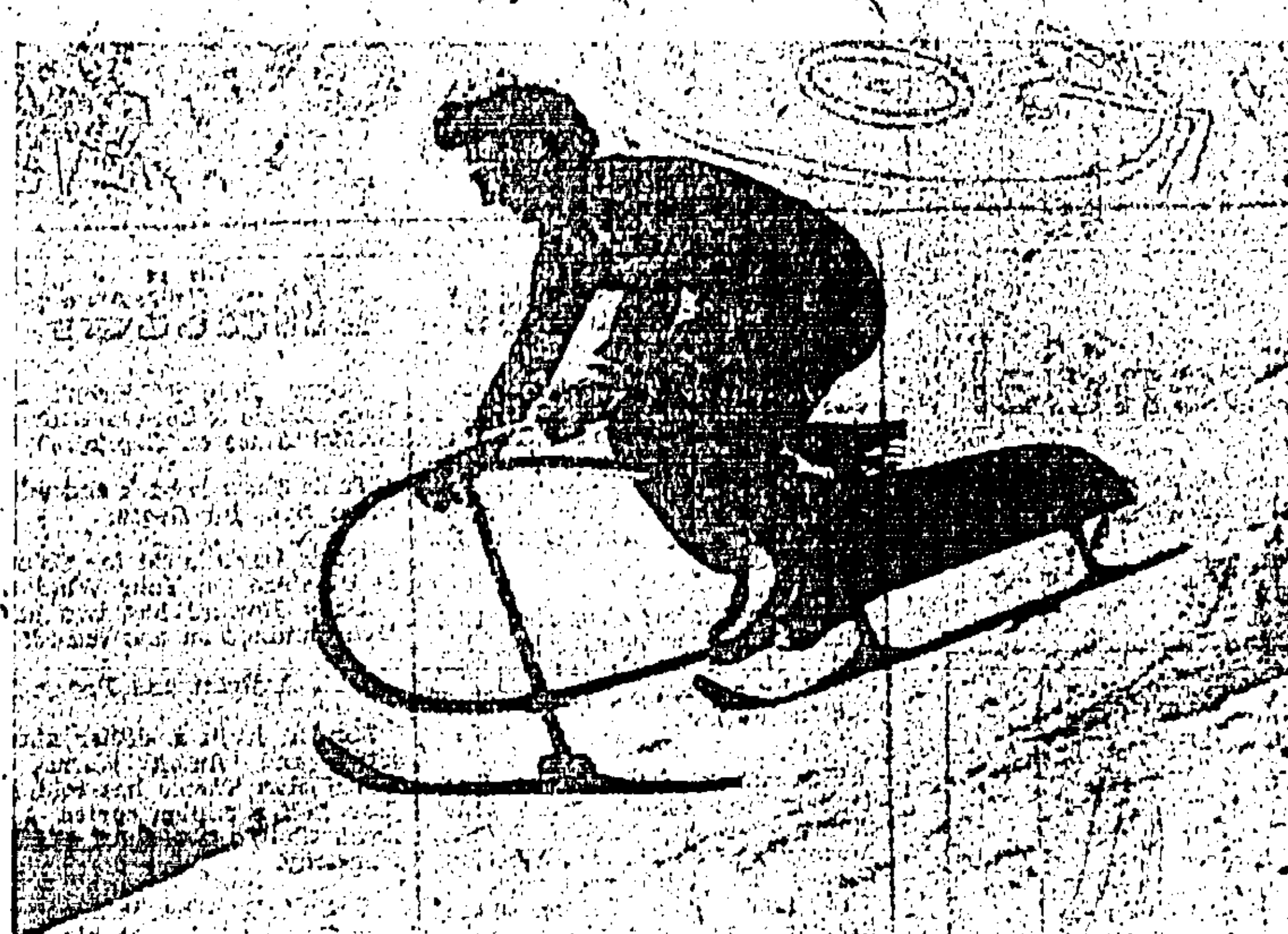
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Here comes the ski-bob



Mr. Reiss-Schmidt, a winter sports fan, of Kiefersfelden, Upper Bavaria, has invented a combination of ski and bob, which combines the thrills of both sports with something of the elegance and comfort of cycling. The ski-bob consists of a frame mounted on skis and steered by a cross-bar resembling a cycle's handlebars. It is six feet long, with an ordinary cycle saddle mounted about 14 inches above the ground. The inventor says the machine would cost about £8 when put into production. Photo shows Mrs. Reiss-Schmidt, wife of the inventor, taking a trial run on the new ski-bob, in the Bavarian mountains. (AP Photo).

British leaders back united Europe policy

New York, February 20.

The views of the leaders of Britain's three main political parties on European unity were published here tonight, 48 hours before the people of their country go to the polls.

Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, said, "The British Government regard the creation of a sound European economy and the re-establishment of confidence in Europe as one of the fundamental objectives of their policy."

"They are determined to persevere in their efforts to build up a Europe free from want and fear."

Mr. Winston Churchill's (the Conservative leader's) message was, "My views on the subject of European unity are, I think, sufficiently well-known to you. I have during recent years repeatedly and emphatically declared that, for the sake of peace and prosperity, Europe must unite."

"I believe profoundly in this policy and shall continue to do all in my power to bring it to early fulfilment."

Mr. Clement Davies, the Liberal leader, renewed his Party's active and wholehearted support for the unity movement.

United Europe, he said, was a step towards the fulfilment of the aims and principles for which Liberals have stood and struggled for generations.

Britain's part

These views were among those of 27 political leaders of 12 Council of Europe nations, released here today by Major-General William Donovan, Chairman of the American Committee on United Europe.

They were expressed in reply to questions put in a letter by General Donovan.

General Donovan had asked for clarification of events leading to

wards European unity, since the Council of Europe's meeting in Strasbourg last August.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, whose views were also asked, reviewed the help which Britain had given to Europe since the war.

The re-building of a healthy Europe, throughout these years had been a major objective of the British Government, he wrote.

"It is the intention of His Majesty's Government to spare no effort to strengthen their economic ties with Europe, still further through the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation," Mr. Bevin said.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, wrote, "There is a great and pressing need that Europe should find and give to the fullest degree possible, for its own sake and as a contribution to the world, a fine expression of its unity of spirit, culture and grace."

Slow progress

Most West European political leaders re-affirmed their faith in European unification, but some said that progress had so far been slow.

M. Paul-Henri Spaak, President of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe, attacked the Council's Committee of Ministers for putting aside the Assembly's decisions.

Westerling said to have left Java

Djakarta, February 20. N. P. P. (Turk) Westerling, outlawed Dutch leader of the guerrillas who attacked Bandung in West Java a month ago, was rumoured today to have left Indonesia.

Neutral military sources are inclined to believe the report, although there is no way of getting confirmation here at present. The informants believe most of Westerling's guerrillas had gone over to the fanatical Moslem movement in West Java, the Darul Islam.

A manhunt has been on for Westerling ever since the Bandung attack.—Associated Press.

TRUMAN WELCOMES ENVOY

Washington, February 20.

President Harry Truman extended the hand of friendship to Indonesians today in welcoming the first Ambassador to the United States from the United States of Indonesia.

The President told the Indonesian envoy, Dr. Ali Sastroamidjono, "You may be sure the American people will ever be sympathetic to the new Republic as it strives to build up its economy."

"You will find, Mr. Ambassador," Mr. Truman said, "that the Government and people of the United States will reciprocate in full measure your efforts toward establishment and continuance of most amicable relations between our two countries."

In presenting his credentials, the Ambassador told the President, "The role played by the United States—leading to establishment of an independent Indonesia—is cherished in the hearts of my people in our struggle for independence we often have been inspired by the example of your country's emergence from colonial status into a great, free Democracy."

The Ambassador said Indonesia and the United States share many Democratic ideals which will make his task of promoting close relations easier. He added that the experience of other countries will assist Indonesia to rebuild her war-torn economy into a productive nation, able to make its contribution to the cause of world freedom, peace and justice.

He told White House reporters that Indonesia needs further financial assistance in addition to the \$500,000,000 loan recently granted by the United States.—Associated Press.

LUZON BLAZE

Manila, February 21. A huge fire roared through Tarlac, capital of Tarlac Province, in Central Luzon today, gutting about 100 houses. Press reports said five persons were injured and a child was missing.

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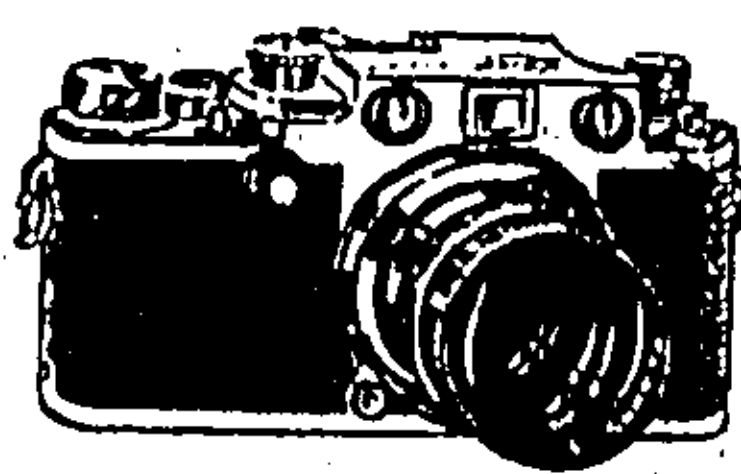
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Career book--Part II:

Tact is essential in business

By Betty Betz



When you accept a job, make sure that you clearly understand the salary terms; it's better to know beforehand than to think that you've been robbed later on.

Most companies review all of their employees' salaries regularly, and if your work is satisfactory you should find a bulge in your pay envelope about every six months or every year. If your company does not have such a system, after a year or so of good work, it's perfectly all right for you to discuss this with your superior if you think you deserve a raise.

More Money!

Final warning! Make sure you're sure you deserve a raise before you sound off your chest. Don't ask for more money just because you heard that someone else in the office has gotten a raise.

And, also, don't ask for one because you've spent last month's salary, or because you'd like to blow yourself to a fancy vacation. The only justifiable basis is that the work you're doing makes you more valuable to the company than when you were originally employed, so be sure you can demonstrate this with facts.

As I said before, you need to have a lot of diplomacy and tact to be successful in business. Asking the raise requires every ounce of these you own, even when you're convinced you have a good case.



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SICK OF COWBOY PICTURES

London, February 20.
British children are getting sick of cowboy pictures.

So says H. G. Hutchinson, joint controller of 400 Odeon-Gaumont film clubs over the country that bring together 400,000 children from seven to 12 in Saturday morning audiences.

"The cowboy film is losing its grip, particularly the one including vicious gun play," he elaborates. "The youngsters will stand for stunts, but do not like too much bloodthirsty stuff."

He says their comments show that instead they go for comedies, good costumes and other adventure stories and nature films.

He cites these observations on a film about boys: "That helped to catch a gang of picture thieves."

Fourteen-year-old girl, "Ben-able, and not sort like some cow-boys pictures we have."

Another girl, "I don't like the cowboy pictures, but I like the other ones."

Choose the time carefully, and, if possible, make an appointment to see your superior in advance, so that you don't interrupt what may be a hectic business day.

Sell yourself again

This is where we came in. We're back where we started and it's time to sell yourself again. Let's hope that you are as successful as when you landed the job. If you have been responsible for working out more efficient systems, if you've taken on additional work, don't be afraid to point these things out.

Never say that you haven't been late or absent even a single day—the expected of you. Even if you've expected in persuading your boss that you are worth more money to the company, you'll probably get only half the raise you ask for.

Unless you have actually received a guaranteed offer of another job, don't pull the old gag, "I've been offered more money by another company and unless I get as much here, I'll quit." That's a big gamble and there's an awfully good chance that the boss may say, "Sorry, no more dough," and unless you really have something else lined up, you'll be forced to check out.

Drop that futile job

If however, the job holds no chance of advancement, it's probably a good idea for you to consider making a fast change, and the sooner the better!

No matter how much pleasure it gives you to hurl those venomous words, "O.K. I'll quit!" into the Scrooge-like face of the mean villain who turns down your salary request, it's too expensive a luxury.

Take it easy! Scan the field first and see what other opportunities there are in both money and work outside your own company. You may find that even without a raise you're doing better than you could elsewhere.

If you do bump into a better job, give your company ample notice and be as nice as possible about it. Two weeks is usually enough for a beginner's job, but it depends a lot on the local situation.



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Platter chatter

A new lot of Mercury records due next week includes a novel presentation in which Patti Page sings all four parts of a quartette. It is already among the best sellers in America and is called With My Eyes Wide Open I'm Dreaming.

Another interesting record is The Old Master Painter by Richard Hayes which is the first ballad by a teenager to appear on the Hit Parade.

The current favourite in England is Hop Scotch Polka which is available on M.G.M. by Art Mooney and on Harmony by Bob Crosby. The latter is backed by The Last Mile Home which brother Bing has also recorded.

Tony Martin's Victor number 5 There's No Tomorrow otherwise known as O Sole Mio.

Sugar Chile Robinson's Number Boogie is backed with After School Blues on Capitol.

Artie Shaw is back and will cut some sides for Decca.

Doris Day's latest for Columbia is Bluebird On Your Windowill. Eddy Howard has two attractive numbers on one record:

Half A Heart and Peggy Dear.

London is in a dither about a zither and Anton Karas' The Third Man Theme has sold more than half a million copies. Artie Shaw's two sided Blues on Harmony.

Sitting By The Window may prove to be the next big ballad. Dinah Shore and Vic Damone have both done excellent versions.

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Beautician as a career

By ANN DELAFIELD

Ann Delafield is the founder and director of the famous Du Barry Success School.

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For routine fundamental training as a beautician, it's hard to beat the courses that are given by the state boards of education in their vocational schools throughout the country.

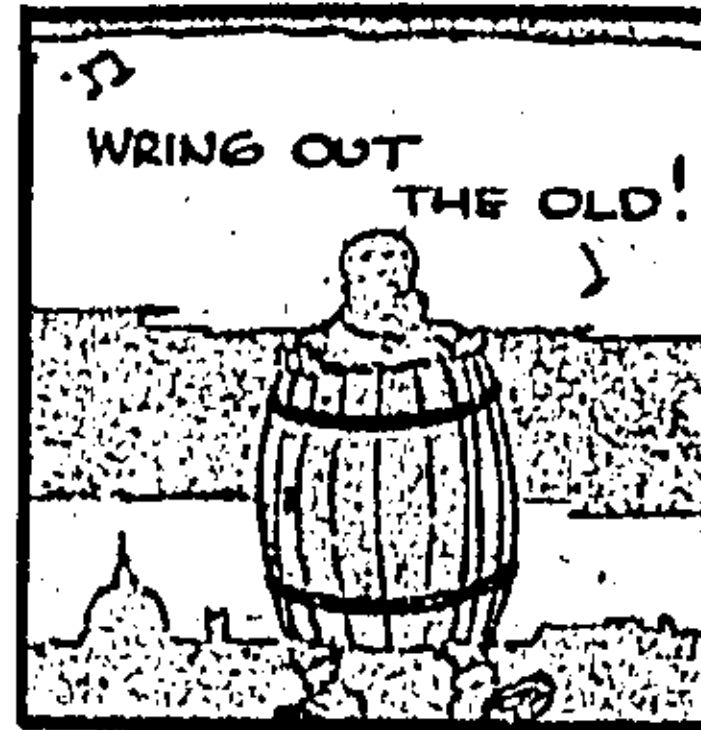
In addition, there are many good privately operated schools in every city that turn out well-trained beauticians.

Finally, besides mastering the art of shampooing, scalp treatments, permanent waving, hair

dyeing, manicure, pedicure, facials and make-up, you should also study biology, physics, chemistry and psychology in high school or college.



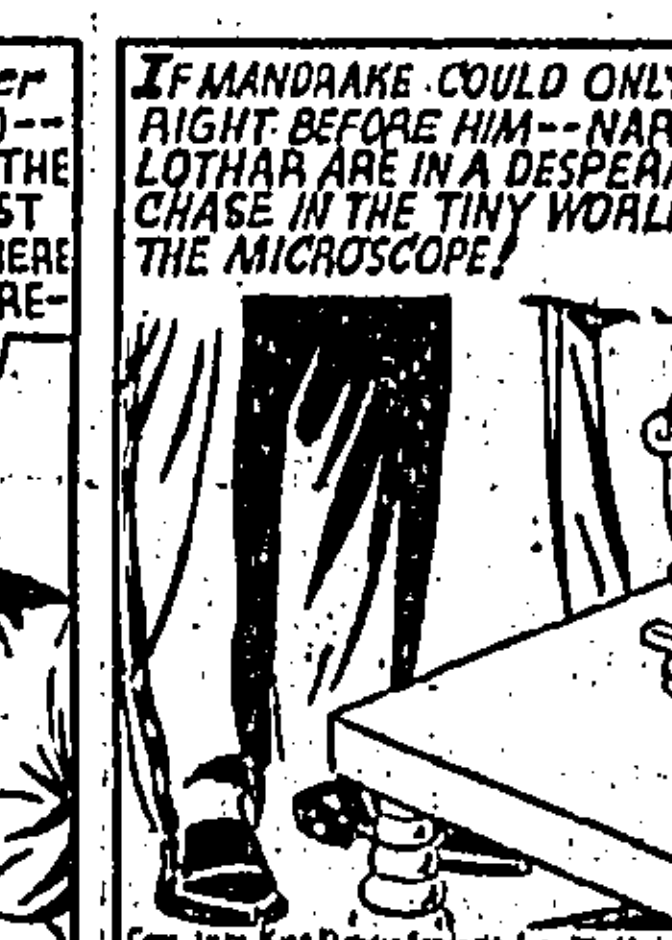
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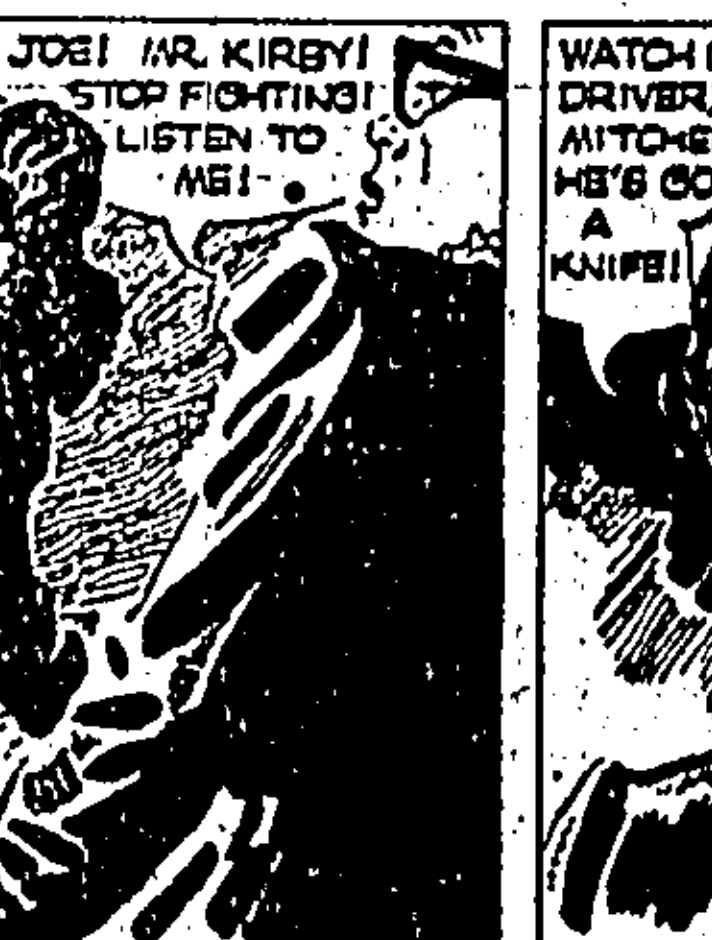
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"MERCY MURDER" TRIAL
OF U.S. DOCTOR BEGINS

Manchester, New Hampshire, February 20.
The trial of Dr. Hermann N. Sander for the "mercy" murder of his cancer patient, Mrs. Abbie Borroto, aged 59, began here today.

The Attorney General, Mr. William L. Phinney, alleged that Dr. Sander murdered his patient by injecting air into her veins last December 4.

Dr. Sander, who had been released on bail, entered the Court with his wife. He was smiling confidently. He made no attempt to avoid cameramen and reporters, who were awaiting his arrival, and smiled faintly as the cameras clicked.

The Chief Prosecutor is a boyhood friend and a college classmate of Dr. Sander. No sign of recognition passed between them when they came face to face.

Before the Jury was selected, the Judge told the Court that Dr. Sander had pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder.

Nine men jurors were selected—six of them members of the Catholic faith, which steadfastly opposes euthanasia.

The choosing of twice as many Catholics as Protestants among the first nine jurors indicated that the defence plans to dodge the controversial issue of mercy killing.

Judge Harold Wescott said he hoped the jury would be completed tomorrow with the selection of three more jurors.

Four critical questions remained unanswered today as the first-degree murder trial opened. As the first nine jurors began the selection of the jurors, the nation debated the case of the "mercy death" and all hinged on the answers to these questions:

1. What will be Dr. Sander's defence? The answer to this question may spell the difference between a dull, complicated medical trial or history's most sensational "mercy death" trial. Anticipation of the latter has drawn more than 150 newsmen from all over the world.

The defence counsel have refused even to hint what Dr. Sander's defence will be, but it is widely believed that it will probably be that cancer and not an air bubble killed Mrs. Abbie Borroto. This theory is based largely on the fact that the autopsy performed on her body more than 45 days after death was not the first one conducted. If the defence sticks to this, the trial may resolve into a lengthy one with conflicting expert evidence.

However, should Dr. Sander testify on his own behalf and make the same admissions he allegedly made at the time of his arrest, the mercy issue would be placed squarely before the jury. The doctor was quoted by the authori-

The autopsy

ties as saying that he injected air into Mrs. Borroto's veins "as an act of mercy—there was no malice on my part." With such testimony, the trial would live up to advanced billing as being one of the most celebrated cases of the century.

2. What did the autopsy show? Both the defence and the State refused to comment, but several medical experts privately expressed the opinion that the defence was taking a chance in asking permission to perform a post-mortem. They say there is a possibility that it boomeranged and strengthened the State's case.

3. Why did Dr. Sander wait several days after Mrs. Borroto's death before dictating the notation about air injections? Mrs. Borroto died on December 4 and the following day he signed a death certificate saying she died of cancer of the bowel and liver. Officials said several days elapsed before he dictated a notation to the hospital librarian that he injected 40 cubic centimetres of air into the woman's veins. Some observers believe he spent the days debating with himself whether the alleged act should be recorded. Without this key notation, the case would probably never have come to light.

Why did the record librarian wait more than two weeks before reporting the notation? According to best estimates, Dr. Sander dictated the notation on December 12, yet it was not until December 29 that Josephine Connor reported it to the hospital officials. Was there a delay in transcribing the notes or was the matter simply overlooked and discovered on the day it was reported?

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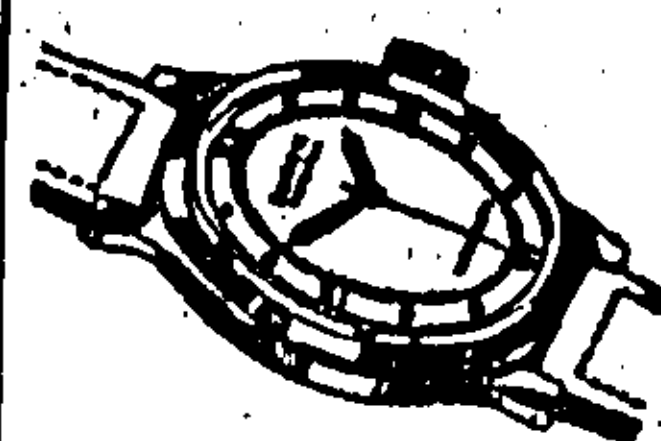
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Sports Pause



The visiting Saigon Rugby XV and the Hong Kong Combined XV who played the Interport Rugby game at Happy Valley yesterday. The game ended in a win for Hong Kong by three points (one try) to nil.

HONG KONG TEAM BEAT SAIGON RUGGER SQUAD

After an exciting tussle the Combined Hong Kong Rugby XV defeated the visiting Saigon team by three points (one try) to nil in their Rugby Interport played on the Club ground yesterday.

Foreign challenge for Britain's golf titles

London, February 20. Golfers from Egypt, Italy, Belgium, Australia and South Africa will be challenging for some of the big golf titles in Britain this year.

Two new and colourful personalities expected are the young Egyptians, Hassan Hassanein, of Cairo, and Khatas Hassan, of Alexandria, who surprised several leading British players, including Alfred Padgham and Max Faulkner, by finishing first and second in their national open championship.

Hassanein won a title Khatas had held for two years and proved that it was no fluke by winning the Italian open championship.

Nelther golfer has played in Britain before, and their presence in big events will add considerable attraction.

Bobby Locke, South Africa's winner of the British open title, has promised to spend the whole of the season in Britain. From Australia, Ossie Fleckworth will be making his first appearance here, and Norman Von Nida, Australia, will play a visit later in the year after playing in the United States.

One of the leading Italian professionals is planning a visit, and Belgium will again be represented by Florij Van Donck.

A lot of interest at home centres around Henry Cotton, the

The try was scored by Harrison late in the second half who went over near the corner flag. Henderson failed to convert from the difficult angle.

The Saigon pack appeared shorter and lighter than their opponents but more than made up for it by their speed and first-time tackling. They were very unlikely to lose as they had more than their share of the game. On several occasions they were in the clear but each time the whistle went for some minor infringement.

Lallague, the visitors' fullback, shone with his steady play and his clever positioning which allowed him to catch the opposition's punts from any angle. Of all the players on the field he had the surest pair of hands.

He was well supported in the backfield by Franchi and Tgniz but the forwards lacked weight and height and lost out to the Hong Kong team in the line-outs and scrums eight times out of 10. For Hong Kong, Fowke at full back was steady when under pressure while Mackie, Wharrie and McDermott did their share of tackling and carrying the ball. J. Henderson played a grand game feeding his line with the ball from the scrums and line-outs time and again.

leading personality in British golf. Cotton has said that he will compete in more events than he did last year, but he cannot be persuaded to say whether he will take part in the open.

His presence may well be needed if the strong challenge from overseas is to be repelled.—Reuter.

McDermott, however was inclined to be hurried in his passes which resulted in losing the ball.

Good dribbling

Of the forward line Stovell caught the eye with his dribbling and his toughness when he carried the ball. It took at least two of the opposing players to bring him to his knees.

Salgon kicked off against the sun and Stovell attempted a run back with the ball. He was tackled and after a scrum-like Henderson started his forward line going with a fine pass. However, the ball fell loose due to over-eagerness and the Saigon players used their feet to an advantage and brought the ball within 15 yards of the goal line when McDermott dived on the oval and managed to clear.

Soon afterwards Stovell attempted a penalty goal but the ball fell short. Then twice in succession Paries missed penalty tries for goal—the ball missing the uprights by less than a yard each time.

The Hong Kong pack was holding well and had the advantage over their opponents in all the departments except broken field running.

The visitors' tackling also appeared to be more effective. Their speed and dash when carrying the ball made them hard to tackle and several of them could and did change directions on a dime and Hong Kong would have had a hard time holding them had it not been for Salgon's poor passing and receiving.

Several times the Saigon team almost scored but Fowke, Mackie and Wharrie rose to the occasion and stopped all ball-carrying players on the opposing team before they could get near the goal.

Better of exchanges

Salgon seemed to have had the better of the exchanges during the initial half and their punting to touch was accurate and long. In the opening minutes after the interval McDermott kicked well ahead but Harrison just failed to reach the ball before it went into touch behind the goal.

Lallague missed a fine opportunity to score when he was in the clear about 15 yards from Hong Kong's goal but dropped the pass by Garre in his eagerness to get under way.

Salgon forced the pace and a follow-up of a kick ahead forced Henderson to touch down for safety.

From the resultant scrum on the goal line Franchi obtained the ball and attempted a drop goal but it was wide.

Then Paries wended his way through the Hong Kong players in mid-field before passing to Malgret who was in the clear. However, the whistle went for an infringement and Salgon lost yet another opportunity to score.

Five minutes from time Harrison gathered up a loose ball near the right side lines and bulled his way over the line for the only try of the game. Henderson failed to convert.

Undaunted, the Saigon XV launched attack after attack but the Hong Kong backs held out. Harrison almost went over for another try just before the whistle but he failed to pick up the ball cleanly when in the clear and a defender arrived in time to boot the ball into touch.

Just on time Stovell collided with a Saigon player and suffered a gash over the eye. A scrum was called just as the final whistle went for "no side."

Salgon, Lallague, Franchi, Tgniz, Gutteridge, Malgret, Paries, Genou, Toulou, Frederic, South, Diachette, Merand, Fares, Poz, Carriere.

Hong Kong Combined XV: Mackie, Wharrie, McDermott, Henderson, J. Henderson, Fowke, Paries, Salgon, Stovell, Tgniz, Gutteridge, Malgret, Paries, Genou, Toulou, Frederic, South, Diachette, Merand, Fares, Poz, Carriere.

Shuttle favourites win at Recreio

(By "ARGONAUT")

Favourites had a field night at last night's Colony Badminton Championships at Club de Recreio. All of them sailed into the next round with comfortable wins.

In the Schoolboys' Singles, A. A. dos Remedios played like a champion to eliminate a hard-trying Ng Sui-joo.

The Schoolboys' Doubles game was postponed and will be played off tomorrow.

The youthful speed of Benzin Saw enabled him to overrule W. B. Brown in the first set of the Junior Singles match. Brown, however, came back with some grand strokes in the second set, and took a lead of 11-7. At this stage the young schoolboy's powerful smashes began to take their toll. Although Brown managed to even the score at 12-12, Saw soon piled up three points in a row to win the set and match.

The Ladies' Singles match between Helen K. Wong and J. Greenhalgh revealed a much improved Helen K. Wong. A good sense of courtcraft gave her a commanding advantage over her opponent.

The Junior Mixed Doubles found K. S. Thong and Mrs. Liza Benjamin in one of their "off" nights, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chung in one of their brilliant forms.

In the main feature of the night, the Senior Men's Singles between W. F. Foo and S. Saul, the Chinese player proved to be a good match. Foo's excellent coverage of the court and positional play had Saul on the run for most of the time. With Saul's smashes lacking their usual sting and his returns falling off their mark, the end became a matter of time, with Foo the winner by 15-2 and 15-3.

Results

Schoolboys' Singles: A. A. Dos Remedios beat Ng Sui-joo, 15-3, 10-2.

Schoolboys' Doubles: R. H. Blackstone and R. Shaw v. F. Folts and D. Lambooy (postponed).

Junior Men's Singles: B. Saw beat W. B. Brown, 15-2, 15-12.

Junior Men's Doubles: P. Wong and J. Koo beat D. H. Hazel and E. Ribeiro, w.o.

Ladies' Singles: Miss H. Kwong beat Miss J. Greenhalgh, 11-9, 11-2.

Junior Mixed Doubles: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chung beat K. S. Thong and Mrs. L. Benjamin, 15-5, 15-4.

Senior Men's Singles: W. F. Foo beat S. Saul, 15-2, 15-3.

Tonight's games

7.00 Schoolboys' Singles: A. Sales v. Tai Hon-lee.

7.30 Schoolboys' Doubles: M. Naiscoe and G. Pomeroy v. S. Yany and A. Remedios.

8.00 Schoolboys' Doubles: R. H. Blackstone and R. Shaw v. F. Folts and D. Lambooy.

8.30 Junior Men's Singles: C. M. Quinn v. A. E. Elliott.

9.00 Junior Mixed Doubles: B. Chow and Mrs. M. Chow v. A. D. Brown and Mrs. M. Jozar.

9.30 Junior Men's Doubles: E. F. Y. Hai and T. Hai v. B. Pomeroy and J. Pomeroy.

10.00 Senior Men's Doubles: M. A. Oliveira and Mrs. H. F. Goncalves v. Bill Funk and Miss O. Loy.

Spence beats Lo in straight sets

Lieutenant Colonel Spence, who participated in the Wimbledon Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship, was seen in action at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday when he beat youthful Donald Lo in the first round of the Colony Singles championship in straight sets.

There was no doubt that Spence was the better player of the two and would win, but many conceded Lo a good chance of springing a surprise.

Although he lost, Lo, put up a very clever and creditable display against an opponent who was playing a very good brand of tennis.

Displaying a variety of strokes that made him a good tennis player, Spence had plenty of power behind his strokes.

Spence had a terrific volley and services and through these departments he scored many winners.

Never at any time during the match did young Lo show any signs of being nervous; in fact he played like a veteran.

After winning the first set at 6-1, Spence lost the first game in the second set. He won the second however. Lo then, by some clever placements and volleys, took the third game to lead 2-1. Spence however hung on grimly and after a great struggle won the next game to level the score.

Thereafter, Spence won four games in a row to annex the set at 6-4 after a great struggle.

Ip Koon-hong, a former champion, easily accounted for Tso Ping-fan, and Choy Ting-wah beat Norman Lo in straight sets.

Dorrie beat Werner after being a game in two sets.

The results

Choy Ting-wah beat Norman Lo 6-1, 6-3.

Au Kam-moon beat Woon Chung-fai 6-3, 6-4.

Li Col. Spence beat Donald Lo 6-1, 6-3.

Roch Liang beat J. B. Hawthorn 6-2, 6-2.

Ip Koon-hong beat Tso Ping-fan 6-1, 6-0.

A. J. Doyle beat G. F. E. Wagner, 6-1, 6-0.

2. Men's Singles: Col. Spence v. Mr. Wiles.

3. Men's Doubles: Mr. Masin and Mr. Yany v. Mr. Ip Koon-hong and Mr. Wiles.

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10. Men's Doubles: Mr. Masin and Mr. Wiles v. Mr. Ip Koon-hong and Mr. Wiles.

Colony's soccer XI held to 1-1 draw by Manila

P.I. University team beaten 9-1 by S. Vietnam XI

Manila, February 20.

The visiting South Vietnam football XI outclassed a team composed of selected University players to win by a lopsided score of 9-1 in their first appearance here last night at Rizal Memorial Stadium.

The visitors, who arrived yesterday afternoon, aboard the French liner, Champollion, from Hong Kong, completely routed the local boys in a display of speed and power seldom seen here.

Phon Van My, centre-forward, scored four of Vietnam's nine goals.

Tonight the visitors will make their last appearance in a game with the Manila Football League selection composed of players not selected for the Hong Kong Interport matches.

The visiting team is headed by Nguyen Phuoc Vong, President of the Saigon Football League—United Press.

Griqualand W. draw with Australian

Kimberley, February 20.

The match between the Australians and Griqualand West ended in a draw today.

The Australians scored 355 for nine declared and 252 for one declared.

Griqualand West made 202 in their first innings and were 88 for six in their second innings at the close of play.—Reuter.

Harvey's two records

Kimberley, February 20.

Neil Harvey, 21-year-old Australian left-hander, today set up two records for an Australian cricket tourist in South Africa.

Against Griqualand West, Harvey scored 100 not out to bring his total centuries to seven and at the same time, established a record aggregate of 1,265 runs.

The previous records were held by Jack Gingleton, who scored six centuries and had an aggregate of 1,192 runs on the 1935-36 tour.

The highest number of centuries made by any tourist in South Africa is eight and the best aggregate is 1,761, both made by Denis Compton with the MCC team last year.—Reuter.

UNOFFICIAL TEST REACHES INTERESTING STAGE

Madras, February 20.

The fifth and final unofficial Test, which may decide the "rubber" between India and the Commonwealth tourists, had reached an interesting stage by the close of play on the fourth day.

With one day remaining, India needs 209 runs with nine wickets standing to win.

The Commonwealth, who made 324 in their first innings, were dismissed a second time for 247. By the close of play, India, 318, had scored 50 for one wicket in their second innings.

Victory for either side will decide the series, each having won one of the previous four "Tests", with two games drawn.—Reuter.

VICTORIA CLUB CALLOVER

London, February 20.

Burpham, for whom there has been considerable backing in the last few days, was reduced from his last callover price of 100 to 7 to 10 to 1 at the callover on the Victoria Club here tonight.

Dramatic remained the favourite at 9 to 1. Fair Judgment was priced at 100 to 7, with his stable mate, Bobo, at 100 to 6. Most money was for Transatlantic, unquoted last week and now on the 20 to 1 mark.

The price of the Grand National favourite, Freeholder, who was quoted at 100 to 8 last Monday, was cut to 9 to 1 as a result of his impressive win at Doncaster last week. Cromwell went out slightly to 100 to 8 and Monaveen to 10 to 1.—Reuter.

THIRD LANARK LOSE 4-1 TO CELTIC

London, February 20.

Celtic beat Third Lanark by four goals to one in a Scottish Cup, second round, second replay (first game 2-2) at Celtic Park, Glasgow, on Friday.

Celtic is going home to Aberdeen in the third round.—Reuter.

The Manila soccerites exceeded all expectations yesterday when they held a strong Combined Chinese XI to a 1-1 draw at Boundary Street. Highlight of the game was the brilliant defensive play of the Manila lads, whose first time tackling and robust methods completely upset the nippy Chinese forwards.

The Manila defence rose to the occasion in grand style and thwarted every attempt of the Chinese to score.

Penalty awarded

During one of these raids, the Chinese were awarded a penalty for "hands" but Kwok Ying-kee made no serious effort to score and his weak tap towards goal was easily saved by Javellana.

Fast and to end play followed and about five minutes before the interval Manila opened the scoring when E. Beech robbed Lui Shu-ping of the ball and beat Tsang Kai-wing with a fast ground shot to the lower right hand corner of the net.

The interval came with Manila still holding their 1-0 lead.

The Chinese attacked desperately on resumption and for a long period the Manila defence was given a gruelling time as the Chinese forwards, assisted by their own defence, practically swarmed around the Manila goal.

The Manila defenders packed their goal and offered stout resistance to the Chinese attackers, who were gradually forced back. Manila had several fine chances to increase their lead, but on the occasions that the ball was sent across the Chinese goalmouth, the Chinese were quick to take advantage of the situation.

Chinese score

In the 23rd minute of the second period, a free kick was awarded in favour of the Chinese, although it was obvious that the decision should have been the other way round.

From the resultant free kick, the ball was placed in the Manila goalmouth and during a melee, Yu Cheuk-yin netted to give the Chinese the equaliser.

Heartened by this success, the Chinese went all out to obtain the winning goal, but they found themselves up against a stout-hearted defence, which refused to give ground.

The final whistle came with the Chinese still hammering away for the goal which never came. Combined Chinese: Tsang Kai-wing, Lee Ping-ming, Lui Shu-ping, Tang Sum, Kwok Ying-kee (Capt.), Fung Cheuk-yin, Yu Cheuk-yin, Yu Cheuk-yin, Tang Yee-kit, Au Chi-yin and Lee Tai-fai.

Manila: Javellana, Hornardes, Tillman-Esteve, R. Nieto (Capt.), Manzano, V. Aragasta, L. Prieto and E. Beech.

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